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INTRODUCTION

No other country has been slandered and vilified more than the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, a totally independent and anti-imperialist state in the Far East which is the bulwark of world socialism and the homeland of the Juche Idea and Songun (military first) Idea.

The vilification of the DPRK is most extreme by anyone's standards. The "adage" of the fascist German Nazi propaganda minister the late Josef Goebbels that if you tell or repeat a lie enough times then everyone will believe it, is put into "effect" by the Western imperialist propagandists.

Indeed the vilification against the DPRK by the Western and south Korean media is most disgusting and vile with every aspect of life in the Republic coming under attack as well the vilifying the supreme leadership of the DPRK and the Juche idea, the Songun idea. It is virtually systematic. The intensity of this campaign of vilification is something quite abnormal.

Some claim that the DPRK will "collapse" whereas some claim that the DPRK will "reform" and "open up." Propaganda is inconsistent and contradictory, saying one thing one day and another thing that the DPRK is introducing a "market economy" but then saying the DPRK is the most hard line "Stalinist" state. This shows that the anti-DPRK propagandists are charlatans who do not know what they are talking about.

The DPRK is attacked not just by the imperialists, reactionaries and the Right wing but by some on the so-called “left” in the imperialist countries who attack the DPRK from fake leftist positions or trendy liberal positions.

Such “left” people often live comfortable, affluent and middle-class lives that are far removed from the reality of the hard and miserable lives of the downtrodden working people in capitalist societies. Such people objectively assist US imperialism in its campaign of lies and psychological warfare, even if they claim they are “anti-imperialist” or “left wing.” In fact many of such people actually support globalisation and think that the DPRK should “open up” and “reform.” “Opening up” and “reform” is a poison that would mean the end of socialism in the DPRK as it did elsewhere of the world.

Some have turned black into white by claiming that the people-centred socialist systems of the DPRK and its guiding ideology, the Juche Idea and Songun Idea have even been slandered as “fascist” by some politically and ideologically illiterate individuals on the payroll of the CIA.

In the past during the Cold War the imperialist countries of the West particularly the US and UK created an anti-communist propaganda industry dedicated to attacking the socialist countries particularly the former USSR. Institutions, “think tanks” and dodgy news agencies were created simply for the purposes of rubbishing existing socialism so as to block the influence of socialism amongst the poor, downtrodden and oppressed sections

of society as well as to foment hatred of the social system of the USSR and other socialist countries amongst the populace of the West. Day in day out people was bombarded with stories about food shortages, dissidents and defectors. After the collapse of the former USSR this industry became surplus to requirement and basically redundant.

However it has now been revived but this time the target is the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. There are all sorts of shadowy outfits such as NK News(this shadowy body has ex-US army and ex-CIA members on its staff) which are funded by the US CIA and south Korean NIS and also so-called academic "think-tanks" which are funded by the south Korean "Unification Ministry"(in reality the anti-reunification ministry).

In the UK the slander of the DPRK is literally daily if not hourly but few take up the defence of the DPRK. When Islamist terrorists commit horrendous acts of violence some liberals and the pro-Islam lobby rally to the defence of Islamic people saying that "they are not all like that," etc. Israel, an illegitimate state founded on the blood of the Palestinian people has its own proIsrael lobby and pro-Zionist lobby in each country which manipulates and mobilises public opinion to defend Israel no matter what horrendous atrocities the Israeli Zionists may commit against innocent Palestinians.

However no one speaks up for the DPRK.

Why should we defend the DPRK? Because it is the most independent and peace-loving country on the earth that does not

have foreign troops stationed on its soil and also does not send its troops to fight in other countries.

The DPRK is not a member of the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund or World Trade Organisation. There are no wholly foreign owned banks in Pyongyang or McDonalds etc.

The DPRK is a country that can say and do what it likes without looking over its shoulder at others. It is a country that was described by ex-British Prime Minister John Major as having “undiluted sovereignty” something that is truly unique in today’s world and indeed virtually unknown elsewhere.

The DPRK is a society free from dispute, disorder and division. This country is free from crime and terrorism. Everyone is united around a single leader, single party with a single ideology and a common purpose.

The DPRK is a genuine socialist country that proudly flies the red flag high. Despite the onslaught of revisionism and antisocialism the DPRK is maintaining socialist principles. Moreover despite 60 years of sanctions and blockade plus natural disaster the DPRK is implementing popular welfare policies such as free education, free housing, free and medical care without taking a penny from its citizens in tax.

The Juche Idea, the Songun idea is the most advanced ideas of humanity. The barrage of slander and lies about the DPRK are apart from being anti-socialist and racist in nature and are aimed at diminishing the Juche Idea and blocking support for it in the Western countries. This is one of the reasons why the fake “Left,”

the revisionists, opportunists and renegades join hands with the imperialists and bourgeois ruling class in the never ending campaign of slander against Juche Korea.

Visiting People's Korea 12 times since May 1992, at the invitation of both the Korean Association of Social Scientists and the Korean Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries I saw the reality for myself. I came to know that everything the media of the Western capitalist countries such as the US and UK say about the DPRK is completely untrue. Earlier in 2011 I completed the book "Behind the Mirror of Lies" in order to refute many of the baseless and vacuous lies being told about the DPRK. Now I have decided to write a more substantial book defending People's Korea from the lies and slanders of imperialism.

This book will be largely concerned with refuting the ideological and political attacks on the DPRK, its system and leadership rather than some of the cheapjack sillier stories that from time to time are circulated by the imperialist media in the hope of discrediting the DPRK.

It is my humble hope that this book will play a part in promoting greater understanding of People's Korea and great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

Let Juche Idea followers rally around and defend Juche Korea!

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CHAPTER ONE FOUNDATION OF THE DPRK AND ITS DEVELOPMENT

For having a correct understanding of the DPRK, it is important to know the history of Korea, that is, the foundation of the DPRK and its strengthening and development.

The DPRK is both the legacy of the great leaders President KIM IL SUNG and Chairman KIM JONG IL and also totally Juche-orientated and independent.

The socialist state in Korea is an independent state based on the Juche Idea which means that socialism in the DPRK is not a copy of the Soviet Union or China nor it is dependent on anyone nor a gift bestowed on the Korean people by a benefactor. The DPRK is not “Stalinist”, a term which is repeatedly flung at the DPRK by the Western media as the DPRK developed its own path to socialism and its own theories of building socialism that were not the same as those elaborated by J V Stalin.

In the Eastern European people’s democracies socialism was associated with the former Soviet Union and the Red Army as people’s governments were set up after the former Soviet Red Army liberated these countries from fascism and the occupation of Nazi Germany. The Eastern European socialist countries tended to blindly copy the USSR. It was even once said that when it rained in Moscow people in East Berlin carried umbrellas. Thus when the former Soviet Union, sick with the malady of modern social

democracy adopted perestroika and glasnost, finally collapsing in 1991, the Eastern European socialist countries collapsed one after the other.

The DPRK is different. Korea was liberated as a result of the 20-year-long anti-Japanese armed struggle of the Korean people led by the great leader President KIM IL SUNG. The DPRK was never a member of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA or COMECON as it was known in the West). The socialist system of the DPRK is a unique Korean style socialist system centred on the popular masses.

The people are the masters of state and society in the DPRK, as the DPRK Socialist Constitution says “*The sovereignty of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea resides in the workers, peasants, soldiers, working intellectuals and all other working people*” (article 4).

The power organs of the DPRK consist mainly of the central power organ and local power organ. The central power organ is the Supreme People's Assembly and the SPA standing committee during its recession. Local power organ is the people's assembly at all levels.

The Supreme People's Assembly is the supreme power organ of the Republic. It holds a highest position and authority of the Republic and exercises legislative power. It has also the rights to organize the important state organs.

Contrary to the propaganda of the imperialists the DPRK is not actually a “single party state” or “single party dictatorship.” In

fact there are a total of three political parties in the DPRK, the ruling Workers' Party of Korea(WPK), the Korean Social Democratic Party(formerly the Korean Democratic Party) and the Conduits Chongu (Heavenly Way) Party. All three parties are represented in the Supreme People's Assembly. In addition to the political parties there are mass organisations such as the Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Youth League, the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea, the Socialist Women's Union of Korea and the Union of Agricultural Working People of Korea. The WPK and the other two political parties plus mass organisations are united in the Democratic Front for the Reunification of the Fatherland.

There are various administrative organs. This consists of central administration and local administration organs. Central administration organ is the cabinet and the local administration organs are the local people's committee at all levels. The cabinet is the government of the Republic. As the administrative execution body and the general state management body of a supreme organ, the cabinet carries out the laws, decrees, decisions and orders and has been seizing in a unified way all the works in the state management and gives a nationwide guidance.

Local power organs are composed of provincial (or the city under the direct jurisdiction) people's committees, city (or district) people's committees and county people's committees. And they also are the administrative executive bodies. People run their own localities through the People's Neighbourhood Unit.

The DPRK's legal system is fundamentally different from the legal system in capitalist countries which protects the interests of the rich and privileged.

The prosecutorial body is a state organ which supervises the observance and execution of the socialist law. This has central prosecutorial office, provincial (or the city under the direct jurisdiction), city (or district), county prosecutorial offices and special prosecutorial office. The central prosecutorial office controls over all the work in a unified way.

The justice body is a state organ exercising the socialist judicial power. The justice organs are the central court, provincial (or the city under the direct jurisdiction) courts, people's courts and special courts. Every court has judges and people's assessors who are elected unlike in the capitalist West. The central court is the supreme justice body of the country.

The three pillars of the foreign policy of People's Korea are independence, peace and friendship. The DPRK is not isolated nor is it an "isolationist" state as claimed by imperialist propaganda but has diplomatic relations with over 100 countries and hosts many international events. Foreign guests to the DPRK always receive a warm welcome. This is the reality of the DPRK. The DPRK values and treasures its independence and it is also a profoundly internationalist state.

Thus Juche Korea is a genuine people-centred socialist country rather than being "fascist" or "feudal" as claimed by those degenerate and venal hirelings of imperialism. It is authentic

socialism chosen by the Korean people themselves.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which is called People's Korea or Juche Korea, was founded on the 9th of September, 1948 by the great leader President KIM IL SUNG.

In his work *“The Democratic People's Republic of Korea is a Juche-orientated socialist state with invincible might,”* the great leader Comrade KIM JONG IL said.

“The DPRK is the Juche-oriented socialist state which embodies the idea and leadership of Comrade KIM IL SUNG, the founder of the Republic and the father of socialist Korea.”

The DPRK is a truly unique state born of the fierce anti-Japanese armed struggle. The DPRK was founded as the result of the long drawn-out and arduous revolutionary struggle led by the great leader President KIM IL SUNG. The DPRK has its origins in the People's Revolutionary Governments established in the guerrilla zones during the anti-Japanese armed struggle.

On October 10, 1945 in Pyongyang, the Central Organizing Committee of the Communist Party of North Korea was formed. In August 1946, the Communist Party merged with the New Democratic Party to form the Workers' Party of North Korea and in June 1949, the Workers' Parties of North and South Korea merged to develop into the Workers' Party of Korea. Now that they had the WPK, the entire Korean people came to have a guiding force which would step up considerably the struggle to build a new society.

After liberation, people's committees were organized all over

the country. On this basis, the Provisional People's Committee of North Korea (PPCNK), a new type of government, was established on February 8, 1946. The entire Korean people elected Comrade KIM IL SUNG, the peerless patriot, liberator of the Korean people and national hero, Chairman of the PPCNK.

Scientifically penetrating deep into the requirement of the Korean revolution which entered a new stage of development of revolution for popular masses' independence, President KIM IL SUNG put forward an original policy to establish a socialist power and wisely led the struggle for its end.

The President led to brilliant victory the election of deputies to the Provincial, City and County People's Committees of North Korea held on November 3, 1946 for the first time in the history of the Korean people in order to develop the people's democratic power into the socialist one. After the election the President convened the Congress of the Provincial, City and County People's Committees of North Korea in Pyongyang in February 1947.

On the initiative of the President, the People's Assembly of North Korea was founded at the Congress. The People's Assembly of North Korea convened the first session for founding the central power organ.

At the session, the President delivered a historic report ***“On the Result of the Work of the Provisional People's Committee of North Korea.”***

In the report, the President analyzed the historic course of the

Korean people's struggle for settling the issue of power from the first period of liberation and comprehensively reviewed the brilliant successes made by all policies enforced by the People's Committee of North Korea and in their implementation. He also declared that, according to the new demand of the developing revolution, the PCNK transferred its power to the People's Assembly of North Korea founded by the general will of the people.

The session elected the chairman of the People's Committee of North Korea the great leader KIM IL SUNG who led the antiJapanese revolutionary struggle to brilliant victory achieving historic cause of national liberation, built the people's government after liberation and led the building of a new country to victory, in accordance with the will and aspiration of the entire Korean people.

The PCNK headed by great Comrade KIM IL SUNG was the highest administrative organ of the people's government in north Korea.

When Korea was liberated in 1945 by the armed struggle led by the great leader President KIM IL SUNG said that one of the important tasks confronting the Korean people was to eliminate all survivals of Japanese imperialism.

President KIM IL SUNG said.

“At present, the Korean revolution is at a stage where it must sweep away the survivals of Japanese imperialism and feudalism and build a new, democratic society, that is, at the

stage of anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution.”

On having solved the problem of power, the Korean people began to carry out democratic reforms. So a number of democratic reforms were enforced. They were agrarian reform, nationalization of industries, transport, communication and banks and sex equality.

The agrarian reform was a particularly radical and daring measure that destroyed strength of landlords. More than 5 hectares of land for landlords were confiscated without compensation. Such agrarian reform could be done only in Korea. The agrarian reform was completed at a truly phenomenal speed, that is, in a short period of 20 days.

Some foolish people speak of “feudalism” but in a feudal society organs like the Supreme People's Assembly and local people's assemblies simply won't exist nor would the Workers' Party of Korea. Feudalism is defined simply by the Freedictionary Online as “*political and economic system of Europe from the 9th to about the 15th century, based on the holding of all land in fief or fee and the resulting relation of lord to vassal and characterized by homage, legal and military service of tenants, and forfeiture.*” In the DPRK feudal landlord-ism was abolished in 1946 by the Law on Agrarian Reform, the most radical one in history.

Those who talk about “feudalism” are not only extremely ignorant of the DPRK's history and struggle but actually lack a Marxist understanding (just how can and when did feudal production relations come back and when they had been

abolished).

At the same time the old ossified, reactionary ruling machines of Japanese imperialism were smashed completely and far-measures were taken for the democratization of judicial, educational and cultural affairs.

On February 8, 1948, the Korean People's Revolutionary Army, founded on April 25, 1932 in the flames of the antiJapanese revolutionary struggle, was developed into the Korean People's Army, a regular army.

Within a short space of time after liberation, under the leadership of President KIM IL SUNG, the tasks of antiimperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution were carried out triumphantly in north Korea.

Entering 1948, the setting up of a unified central government of whole Korea presented itself to be an acute and urgent problem related to the future of the Korean revolution and nation.

It was related with the grave situation that the US imperialists and their stooges outrageously moved to fabricate socalled “separate elections and a separate government.”

The US rejected the Korean people's fair demand for the simultaneous withdrawal of the Soviet and US armed forces from Korea and for the settlement of the Korean issue by the Koreans themselves. The US could not enforce their colonial enslavement policy on Korea through the USSR-US joint committee. Hence, they illegally brought the Korean issue up in UN in Autumn 1947 to frame up so-called “UN Temporary Commission on Korea,”

using their voting machinery. They schemed to hold so-called “election” in Korea under its supervision and frame up puppet government with their stooges. Being met with resolute resistance of all the Korean people and the world revolutionary people, they forced the “Small UN Assembly” in February 1948 to adopt an illegal resolution on enforcing separate election in south Korea and establish puppet government. At the assembly, Marshall, the then US Secretary of State, claimed that a separate government should be founded by “enforcing separate ‘election’ in the region in Korea (that is south Korea) in which the commission could come into contact if the commission’s supervision over the election of whole Korea was impossible.”

In May 1948, they held a separate "election" in south Korea under the supervision of the commission to manufacture the puppet government headed by Syngman Rhee. With this, the crisis of national division deepened. The Korean people's endeavour to build a unified democratic independent country was confronted with a grave difficulty.

In this grave situation President KIM II SUNG advanced the policy of founding a unified country in the Korean peninsula without delay. This was to surmount the danger of national division and achieve the country's independence.

Attaching primary significance on the union of patriotic political parties and public organizations in south Korea to realize the unity of the whole Korean nation, President KIM IL SUNG initiated to convene the Joint Conference of Representatives of All

Political Parties and Public Organizations in North and South Korea at the 25th meeting of the Central Committee of the Democratic National United Front of North Korea held on March 9, 1948.

News of convening the Joint Conference initiated by the President caused a big sensation home and abroad enjoying fervent support and approval from the entire Korean people.

The Joint Conference of Representatives of All Political Parties and Public Organizations in North and South Korea initiated by the President were held from April 19 to 23, 1948 in Pyongyang amid the great concern and expectation of entire Korean people. 695 representatives from 56 political parties and public organizations in the north and south took part in the conference.

Analyzing the prevailing situation of the country on a scientific basis, the President called upon all patriotic forces in the north and south to unite and frustrate the separate election to be held by the US imperialists and their stooges in south Korea, and to turn out in the nationwide struggle to build a unified and independent sovereign state and establish a unified government.

Though the composition of the participants in the conference was complicated and their political views and creed were different from each other, the April joint conference was concluded with great success thanks to validity of the line of national reunification and the line of establishing of a unified central government put forward by the President, thanks to the traction of the policy of

united front and thanks to the President's noble ideal of love for the country and nation and broad magnanimity.

The Joint Conference of Representatives of Political Parties and Public Organizations in North and South Korea held at the initiative of the President was a historic gathering that achieved nationwide unity in the struggle to frustrate the US and their stooges' criminal manoeuvres for so-called "separation elections and a separate government" and establish a unified government of whole Korea and a significant event that laid broad socio-political foundation for the establishment of a unified central government.

Through the joint conference, the President not only achieved the nationwide unity but also aroused all the Korean people to the struggle for destroying the fabrication of so-called "separation elections and a separate government."

In view of the desperate moves of the US imperialists to framing up an illegal government by enforcing separate election in south Korea, the President saw to it that the "North-South Joint Statement of Political Parties and Public Organizations" for the nationwide joint struggle was made public at the consultative meeting of the political parties and public organizations in the north and south in April 1948. He made sure that the anti-US national salvation united front embracing all patriotic democratic forces in north and south Korea and the committee struggling against the so-called "separation elections and a separate government" was formed and the nationwide patriotic forces turned out in the struggle of resistance against US imperialism for

national salvation.

Clarifying the fundamental policy and the tasks for its implementation in his New Year's Address in 1948 and ***“Report to the Second Congress of the Workers' Party of North Korea on the Work of the Central Committee”***, the President put forward a policy of frustrating the fabrication of the US imperialists' socalled “separate government” and establishing a unified central government, and hastened the undertaking to do so.

On the basis of successful preparation for founding the Democratic People's Republic, the President saw to it that the north-south general election was enforced in August 1948.

On August 25, 1948 the election of deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly was held in all parts of north and south Korea. The whole nation responded with excitement and enthusiasm. In north Korea 99.97 per cent of voters took part in the election. In south Korea many people participated in the teeth of harsh reactionary repression. As a result, 572 candidates from all walks of life from the north and south of Korea were elected.

The First Session of the Supreme People's Assembly was held in Pyongyang in September 1948 and on September 9, the foundation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which represented the will of the entire Korean people, was declared to the whole world.

The Supreme People's Assembly adopted the Constitution of the DPRK and formed a central government. Reflecting the unanimous will and aspiration of the entire Korean people and

amid the absolute support and approval of all compatriots, the Supreme People's Assembly elected great Comrade KIM IL SUNG the head of state, a Premier of the Cabinet.

Having held as the head of state in the Republic the great Comrade KIM IL SUNG, who founded the Juche idea, Songun idea and carved out a new road of the Korean revolution under its banner and waged the great anti-Japanese war to achieve historic cause of national liberation and save destiny of the nation, was a great fortune that the Korean people had for the first time in the 5 000-year-long national history, the highest glory of the Korean nation and a big pride of Korea.

At the first session of the Supreme People's Assembly held on September 10, 1948, the President made public the ***“Political Programme of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.”***

In the political programme, the President elucidated the administrative policy of the government of the Republic for firmly holding fast to independence in external and internal policies to realize the national reunification and build an independent sovereign state, for building an independent national economy and national culture and for strengthening the self-defence capabilities. The DPRK founded under the wise leadership of the President was the only lawful state founded by the unanimous will of all the Korean people and the genuine people's power representing the interests of the Korean people and defending their independence thoroughly.

The foundation of the DPRK was a brilliant victory of the Juche-oriented state building line put forward by the President immediately after liberation and a historic event that enabled the Korean people who had been forced miserable destiny of a ruined nation to become dignified people of an independent sovereign state and Korea that had lost its colours from the world map to become the state which fairly exercises its sovereignty in the international arena.

Basically the DPRK is the only legitimate state on the Korean peninsula because it was founded by the unanimous will of the Korean people.

Whereas south Korea is a puppet regime created by the US imperialists. The world knows of many artificially created states such as northern Ireland, Israel, northern Cyprus, etc. but south Korea is the worst.

Even after the founding of the DPRK, President KIM IL SUNG paid deep attention to the state building in the whole period of leading the revolution and construction and led the cause of building a socialist state to a brilliant victory.

Inheriting the ideology and cause of President KIM IL SUNG, Chairman KIM JONG IL strengthened and developed the DPRK and led the Korean revolution to victory.

Based on the scientific explanation of position and role of state in the revolution and construction, and the historic experience and lesson of the international communist movement, Chairman KIM JONG IL wisely organized and led the strengthening and

developing of the state in keeping with the essence of a socialist society.

Thanks to his distinguished and seasoned leadership, the DPRK could be consolidated and developed continuously to be a genuine example of socialist state giving fullest play to its might and superiority in accomplishing the cause of socialism without wavering in all sorts of upheavals of history.

Chairman KIM JONG IL initiated to newly establish a state organization called presidential system in April 1972, hold Comrade KIM IL SUNG as the President of the state and saw that all decrees, government ordinances and decisions were made public in the name of the President.

The Socialist Constitution, adopted by the proposal of Chairman KIM JONG IL at the historic first session of the 5th Supreme People's Assembly held on December 27, 1972, regulated that the state machinery thoroughly ensures the monolithic leadership of Comrade KIM IL SUNG over the state. The Socialist Constitution of 1972 stipulated that the DPRK President is the head of state and represents the DPRK. The Constitution also stipulated the duty and power of the President as the highest position of the state.

Establishment of a new state machinery by the Socialist Constitution in 1972 was of a weighty significance in the statebuilding history of Korea. As the new state machinery was established and Comrade KIM IL SUNG was elected the President, his authority and prestige could be ensured in every way

and his monolithic leadership over the state have firm guarantee.

That Chairman KIM JONG IL held Comrade KIM IL SUNG as the President of the DPRK with the establishment of a new state machinery was a noteworthy event that made the DPRK be the state of Comrade KIM IL SUNG loyal to the leader's monolithic leadership.

In the end of the 1990s, establishing a new state machinery as required by the Songun era presented to be an urgent demand for the DPRK. At that time, the US imperialists and the south Korean puppets expanded armaments and staged military exercises while claimouring that “collapse and end of the north is a matter of time,” and even the Japanese militarists who were obsessed with reinvasion joined them, asserting the amendment of so-called “peace constitution” and the overseas dispatching of “self-defense forces.” Urgent situation under which a war might be broken out at any time in Korea was created due to the enemy's frantical war provocative moves.

Chairman KIM JONG IL penetrated deep into the prevailing situation and said that the revolution should be made with the army in order to carry forward the revolutionary cause started by President KIM IL SUNG and that the NDC should be the main among the state organs. He scrupulously led the establishment of the new state machinery with the National Defence Commission as the centre through the amendment and supplement of the Socialist Constitution.

Through the amendment and supplement of the Socialist

Constitution, Chairman KIM JONG IL saw that the NDC was ranked the second in the state machinery.

In the former Constitution, the NDC ranked after the Supreme People's Assembly, SPA standing committee during its recession and the Central People's Committee. Even in the draft amendment and supplement of Constitution drawn up by a relevant organ section 1 is "Supreme People's Assembly and the Presidium of the SPA." Hence the NDC ranked after the SPA Presidium and the issues related to its election, authority and the execution of its orders and decisions followed this order. At that time, the organ concerned considered that the SPA and its Presidium were closely related to each other as the Presidium is a permanent organ of power during the recession of the SPA. Order of state organs in the state machinery is the direct expression of their position and authority. Those in the first rank have higher position and authority in the state machinery.

With his brilliant wisdom and extraordinary political judgement, Chairman KIM JONG IL provided clear way to give prior rank to the NDC. He saw to it that the section 1 dealt with the SPA, section 2 the NDC and section 3 the SPA Presidium. Hence, the NDC could have the higher position and authority after the SPA, that is, distinguished position and authority as a pivot in the state machinery.

Chairman KIM JONG IL freshly defined the NDC through the amendment and supplement of the Socialist Constitution.

Saying that the state defence and the state management

authority should be separated and top priority should be given to defence in order to give importance to the military and make revolution with the army, Chairman KIM JONG IL saw to it that the newly amended and supplemented Constitution stipulated the NDC “is the highest military leadership organ of state power and the overall national defence administrative organ” by adding “overall national defence administrative organ” to the former Constitution that only stipulated the NDC “is the highest military leadership organ.” That the NDC is the overall national defence administrative organ as well as the highest military leadership organ means that it holds the highest legal position exercising not only the commanding and leading the overall armed forces but also the organizing and guiding munitions industry and overall national defence.

The DPRK Socialist Constitution was partially amended in 1992 and 1998. However, the most essential amendment was made at the annual meeting of the SPA held in April 2009. The Article 100 in the Constitution clarified for the first time that “Chairman of the National Defence Commission is the supreme leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.” Article 103 that had not been included in the Constitution in 1998 but was newly supplemented stipulated that “The NDC Chairman leads the overall state affairs, appoints and replaces key cadres of defence field and officially approves or abrogates the most important agreements with foreign countries.” Amnesty and state-of-emergency declaration also belongs to his power.

By giving fresh stipulation to the NDC by Chairman KIM JONG IL, the NDC became the main not only in ranking but also in the contents of regulation of all state organs.

New state machinery associated with noble plan and intention of Chairman KIM JONG IL came to be being with the adoption of the Socialist Constitution freshly amended and supplimented at the first sesstion of the 10th Supreme People's Asseblly held on September 5th 1998.

Establishment of the new state machinery with the NDC as a core was an epochal moment in consolidating and developing the state power into the powerful weapon for realizing the Songun politics of Chairman KIM JONG IL.

With deep penetration into the importance and significance of law enactment, Chairman KIM JONG IL put his heart and soul into the intensification of law enactment.

In the DPRK, the Socialist Constitution was amended and supplemented two times after its adoption at the first session of the 5th SPA held on December 27, 1972. It was amended and supplemented for the first tme at the third session of the 9th SPA held on April 9, 1992 and again at the first session of the 10th SPA held on September 5, 1998. The amendment and supplement of the Socialist Constitution in 1998 was of weighty significance in the development of the Socialist Constitution, which was ascribed to detailed guidance of Chairman KIM JONG IL.

The Korean revolution was beset with grave trials and difficulties unprecedented in history. The Korean people suffered

from bitterest national mourning due to the demise of President KIM IL SUNG and from natural disasters for several years. In addition, the US imperialists and their followers desperately moved to stifle the DPRK.

However, the Korean people brought about a fresh revolutionary upsurge while braving through all sorts of trials and difficulties, holding Chairman KIM JONG IL in the van of the revolution. In this process, the single-hearted unity of the Party and the revolutionary ranks was further cemented, politicoideological and military strength consolidated and a solid springboard for leaping forward to the building of a thriving nation was laid.

Penetrating deep into the changed realities, Chairman KIM JONG IL elaborated on a plan of amending and supplementing the Socialist Constitution. In amending and supplementing the Socialist Constitution, he devoted primary attention to holding the great leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG in high esteem forever with title of the President, the same as that in his lifetime.

In the DPRK, the President is not a simple state machinery office. Official title of the President was awarded to the great leader KIM IL SUNG by the Party, state and the people in the DPRK praising his immortal services performed while devoting his all for the sake of the Korean revolution and the world revolution from the first period of his revolutionary struggle till his demise.

In order to hold the great leader KIM IL SUNG as the eternal President of the Republic, Chairman KIM JONG IL saw to it that the preface of the Socialist Constitution was newly instituted and that the DPRK is the great leader KIM IL SUNG's state was legalized.

Prefaces in other countries' constitutions summarize history of state building and development or indicate state ideal. However, Chairman KIM JONG IL ensured that the preface legally confirmed the Korean people's will to legalize the ideology and cause of the great leader KIM IL SUNG and consummate his cause to the end, and thus evidently clarified that the Republic is Comrade KIM IL SUNG's state that is inconceivable apart from his august name.

With his outstanding and seasoned leadership, Chairman KIM JONG IL strengthened and developed the DPRK into an invincible powerful country to defend and brilliantly develop his cause of state building and usher in a new history of building a powerful socialist country.

The highest power organ in the DPRK is the State Affairs Commission, the successor to the NDC.

The SPA elected respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN who is the great successor to the revolutionary cause of Juche the Chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission on June 29, 2016.

Chairman of the DPRK SAC is the supreme leader of the DPRK.

Chairman of the DPRK SAC becomes the supreme commander of overall armed forces and commands all armed forces of the country.

Chairman of the DPRK SAC guides overall state affairs, directly leads the SAC affairs, appoints or dismisses important cadres of state, ratifies or abrogates major agreements with other countries, exercises amnesty, proclaims emergency and wartime states and mobilization and organizes and guides the State Defence Committee.

The DPRK State Affairs Commission is the highest leadership organ of national power to ensure the implementation of policies.

The DPRK State Affairs Commission discusses and decides the important state policies including defense upbuilding, supervises and takes measures for the execution of the SAC Chairman's order and the Commission's decisions and instructions, and abrogates decisions and instructions of state organs contrary to the former.

The respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN has led to victory the Party, the state, the army and the people of the DPRK for last 5 years.

The period of leading the Korean revolution by respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN is not long. However, during this period the DPRK has been further consolidated into an invincible bulwark and is now shining its brilliance to the world under his wise leadership. The respected Supreme Leader

KIM JONG UN is a symbol of mightiness of the DPRK, and banner of all victories and glories.

Today the DPRK's future is bright as it holds respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN in high esteem.

The world will witness that the DPRK will make a leap as an ever-prospering powerful country as it is led by respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN.

CHAPTER TWO

DPRK IS INVINCIBLE POWERFUL SOCIALIST COUNTRY

The DPRK has traversed the road of victory and maintained socialist principle in the face of unprecedented trials and hardships thanks to the leadership of President KIM IL SUNG, Chairman KIM JONG IL and respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN.

SECTION ONE THE COUNTRY WITH GREAT LEADERS

President KIM IL SUNG led the anti-imperialist national liberation struggle of the Korean people against Japanese imperialism and won independence for the Korean people. They became masters of their own destiny.

President KIM IL SUNG authored the Juche Idea, the acme of progressive ideas of humanity. He was the founder of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the founder of the great Workers' Party of Korea. Throughout his life President KIM IL SUNG was a tireless fighter against US imperialism and also against modern revisionism. President KIM IL SUNG was indeed a giant of the international communist movement and its elder statesman. He established an advanced socialist system in

Korea centred upon the popular masses making Korea into the model country of socialism. President KIM IL SUNG was the greatest of great leaders. As the late Fidel Castro said he was “*one of the most eminent, outstanding, heroic leaders of socialism.*”

Chairman KIM JONG IL systematised the Juche idea. He built up the Workers’ Party of Korea as the Party of the great leader President KIM IL SUNG. Chairman KIM JONG IL, another general of Mt. Paektu started the Songun-based revolutionary leadership in 1960 and administered Songun politics in the end of the 1960s.

Saying “Expect No Change from Me” he made sure that Korea held higher the red flag of socialism when socialism collapsed in the former USSR and the Eastern European countries. Under the leadership of the great leader Chairman KIM JONG IL the DPRK thwarted the desperate moves of the imperialists who dreamed of “policy changes,” “reform” and “opening up” and even collapse of the DPRK.

Furthermore he turned the DPRK into a socialist independent nuclear possessor of Juche and a satellite launching nation. Indeed great leader KIM JONG IL put the DPRK on the launch pad to a powerful socialist country.

The great leader President KIM IL SUNG declared “***The People Are My God.***”

The great leader Comrade KIM JONG IL also practiced this carrying out people-orientated politics, broad politics.

The great leader Comrade KIM JONG IL himself worked

very hard, cutting down on his sleep only taking naps and eating plain rice-balls. He visited 14 290 units across the country, travelling more than 669 847 km, about 17 times as long as the circumference of the earth. He passed away whilst on a tour of onthe-spot guidance.

Some so called “leftists” join hands with the bourgeois establishment by complaining about a “concentration of power” and “hereditary principle,” malignantly slandering the socialist system of the DPRK.

Such people ignore the fact that respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN was elected vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea at the 3rd Party Conference in September 2010.

The WPK has over millions of members, and most families in the DPRK have party members within them. So basically respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN's appointment as successor to the great leader Comrade KIM JONG IL was democratically decided by a large number of people so there are no parallels with monarchies.

Subsequently the respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN was elected as First Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea on the 12th of April, 2012 at the 5th Conference of the WPK and as Chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea at the 7th Party Congress.

Respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN was also elected as Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the

DPRK by the Supreme People's Assembly on the 29th of June, 2016.

Thus respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN is a popular leader, a true people's leader chosen by the people.

There is no comparison with a monarchy. Indeed it is hypocritical for ruling circles of the UK to decry "the hereditary principle" "because the head of state of the UK is an unelected monarch."

In the DPRK organs of power such as the Supreme People's Assembly, provincial and city people's assemblies are elected by direct and equal suffrage. In the US the President is not directly elected but instead elected by a complex "electoral college system" which means someone can be elected as President who has not won the popular vote.

The DPRK does not have an unelected second chamber like the UK has. In the DPRK the voting age is 17 years old, one of the lowest in the world. Usually in the DPRK the turnout for elections is virtually 100% (compare this to turnouts of 60% or 70% in capitalist countries or even less than 20% in local elections). Voting in the DPRK is seen as a demonstration of unity and harmony in which everyone participates; people even dance at polling stations, every section of society votes. In capitalist countries such as the UK there is a view that voting in elections is only for rich people, intellectuals and the so-called "chattering classes" with the poor being uninterested in voting, basically excluded and marginalised. Unlike the so-called Western

democracies, electors in the DPRK have the right to recall their representatives if they fail to do their job properly.

Support and trust in the respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN is absolute.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN is a great leader leading the DPRK with his distinguished ideology and wise leadership.

Today active leadership is continued by respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN who visits factories, farms, fishery stations and even ordinary families in their homes.

The role of the leader under Juche-orientated socialism is very different to politicians in capitalist societies. Often politicians in capitalist societies are simply front-men for the big monopoly capitalist corporations. Real decision making is done behind closed doors in the boardrooms of the City by an unseen and unelected elite rather than parliament. Thus parliament and the “rule of law” in capitalist countries are a façade, a camouflage for the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie.

The succession issue is of course paramount in the building of socialism. If the succession issue is not solved correctly then socialism may be derailed or frustrated.

This is a lesson that the history of the international communist movement and socialist camp teach us. In the Soviet Union J V Stalin was acclaimed and revered as a great leader who guided socialist construction. Even British people referred to Stalin as “Uncle Joe.” However there was no successor to Stalin,

so when he passed away the reins of leadership were quickly taken by Khrushchev who destroyed or undermined many of Stalin's achievements. China which had proclaimed itself antirevisionist and a bastion of world proletarian revolution too opted for "reform" and "opening up" after Mao Zedong passed away in 1976. Albania under Enver Hoxha proclaimed itself as the "only socialist country in the world" and totally anti-revisionist but Hoxha was succeeded by Ramiz Alia who demolished socialism in Albania.

Indeed only the DPRK has enjoyed the continuity of ideas and leadership unlike some countries which zigzagged between right and left frequently chopping and changing policies.

The DPRK is the first and only socialist country to have correctly solved the succession issue and it should be praised for doing so.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN is possessed of boundless loyalty to the preceding leaders.

Loyalty to the leader is the first trait to be possessed of by the successor to the revolutionary cause of the leader. Revolutionary successor should be thoroughgoing in his loyalty to the preceding leader in order to resolutely defend the leader's ideology and cause and comprehensively inherit and develop them in accordance with his mission.

Regarding the revolutionary ideology of President KIM IL SUNG and Chairman KIM JONG IL as the absolute truth, respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN conducts

ideological and theoretical activities with main emphasis on the profound proof of its greatness and validity.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN considers it as invariable principle to accept all ideas and theories, principles and propositions put forward by President KIM IL SUNG and Chairman KIM JONG IL through history.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN formulated the revolutionary ideology of President KIM IL SUNG and Chairman KIM JONG IL as Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism in combination with their august names, and developed it in depth.

Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism is an integral system of idea, theory and method of Juche and the great revolutionary ideology representative of the era of Juche.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN formulated the guiding ideology of the Workers' Party of Korea as Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism in combination with august names of the great leaders KIM IL SUNG and KIM JONG IL and put forward the modelling of whole society on KimilsungismKimjongilism as the supreme programme of the WPK. This vividly proves that Marshal KIM JONG UN's ideology is the succession to and development and enrichment of ideology of great President KIM IL SUNG and Chairman KIM JONG IL.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN, who in his early years regarded it as his lifetime mission to consummate the revolutionary cause of Juche, devoted his all to add shine to the revolutionary life and exploits of President KIM IL SUNG and

Chairman KIM JONG IL.

He saw that the Kumsusan Memorial Palace was named the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun and it was further refurbished into the grand monument of giving eternity to the leaders, into the sacred temple of the Sun. On February 14th 2012 Chairman KIM JONG IL was awarded with the title of the DPRK Generalissimo.

Leader KIM JONG IL was elected eternal General Secretary of the WPK at the 4th Party Conference held in April 2012, and the eternal Chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission at the 5th session of the 12th SPA.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN saw to it that the statues of great KIM IL SUNG and KIM JONG IL were erected on Mansu Hill on the occasion of the 100th birthday of President KIM IL SUNG. He made sure that the statues of the President and the Chairman and mosaic pictures of smiling President KIM IL SUNG and Chairman KIM JONG IL were erected across the country including KIM IL SUNG University, State Academy of Sciences, Mansudae Art Studio, Jagang Province, Kangwon Province, North and South Hamgyong Provinces, North Phyongan Province and Rason City, thus setting up a unshakable and eternal mental pillar of the Sun's nation, pillar of faith in the hearts of the Korean people.

Order of KIM JONG IL, KIM JONG IL Prize, KIM JONG IL Youth Honour Prize, KIM JONG IL Children Honour Prize were instituted as the highest order and prize of the

Republic, and a watch commendation bearing august name of Chairman KIM JONG IL was instituted for the first time in the WPK's history.

June 19 when Chairman KIM JONG IL started his work at the Central Committee of the WPK and the Day of Songun when the Chairman started the revolutionary leadership of Songun are being celebrated significantly so as to make his revolutionary life and exploits shine forever through generations.

In February 2015, the enlarged meeting of the Political Bureau of the WPK was held under the guidance of respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN. The meeting served as a political event that demonstrated once again the unshakable will of the WPK and the Korean people to consummate the Korean revolution to the end, holding fast to Chairman KIM JONG IL's behests as the eternal guideline of the Party and the revolution even in any adversities.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN devotes his all to the complete succeeding of the leader's ideology and cause, and brings the leader's lifetime intentions into reality—this is the characteristic of his leadership.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN adds shine to the DPRK as an invincible politico-ideological giant.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN further develops Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as required by the era.

Mastered the revolutionary ideas of President KIM IL SUNG and Chairman KIM JONG IL, respected

Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN gave fresh scientific solutions to the important principled problems in the revolution and construction through his deep speculation and energetic inquisition with KimilsungismKimjongilism as the only guideline.

Already in his teens, respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN began writing. And his writing was so profound that the people were stricken with wonder.

History records numerous great men who left their names with famous writings in lifetime. Marx and Engels, the outstanding leaders of the working class, were known all over the world for their famous works on the international labour movement and socialist revolution. They began writing at their mid-twenties.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN, in his teens, creatively analyzed and evaluated the geo-political features of Korea with the stand of thoroughgoing national independence.

In the early 1993, an official said to KIM JONG UN that, as regards the situation under which the US imperialists were staging war exercises on the Korean peninsula and its vicinity, the situation always seems to be complicated as Korea is surrounded by the great countries.

Saying that Korea is surrounded by the great powers means that she is between them, KIM JONG UN continued with conviction that the situation Korea is complicated not because she is between the great power but she holds the point of strategic importance capable of controlling them.

In the latter half of his teens, KIM JONG UN wrote a comprehensive treatise dealing with the distinguished art of command and immortal exploits of President KIM IL SUNG who led the Fatherland Liberation War to victory, thus striking the people with admiration.

He conducted unique ideological and theoretical activities in the periods of conducting revolutionary activities in KIM IL SUNG Military University and assisting Chairman KIM JONG IL's Songun-based revolutionary leadership.

In particular, respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN, after the sudden demise of Chairman KIM JONG IL, made public in succession such classic works as *“Let Us Brilliantly Accomplish the Revolutionary Cause of Juche, Holding KIM JONG IL in High Esteem as the Eternal General Secretary of Our Party”* and *“Let Us March Forward Dynamically towards Final Victory, Holding Higher the Banner of Songun”* and thus proved in a profound manner the originality, validity and vitality of revolutionary ideas of President KIM IL SUNG and Chairman KIM JONG IL and enriched them with new propositions and principles.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN has stressed the need to adhere to the principles of independence, Songun and socialism in all cases.

He further added brilliance to the Songun idea by proving the truth that Songun is precisely the independence, dignity and life and soul. He advanced the idea of preparing the People's Army to

be a reliable scouting party of the Songun-based revolution breaking through adversities in the van under the leadership of the WPK and a strong support firmly guaranteeing the Party's cause by dint of force of arms, thus further developing the idea of placing the army before the working class.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN formulated noble patriotism cherished by Chairman KIM JONG IL in his lifetime and proved through his practical examples as KIM JONG IL's patriotism and as the quintessence of socialist patriotism, so that KIM JONG IL's patriotism could strike deep in the minds of the people and the army and be displayed in detail in practical life.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN put forward the idea of absolutely respecting the people, giving absolute priority to their demands and interests, the idea of preparing the officials to be scouts, the engine making their way through virgin snow in the van of the ranks and the idea of being true servants for the people devoting their all for the sake of the people while sharing sweets and bitters with them, thus developing in depth the Juche-oriented method of leadership on a new high phase and giving fuller play to their traction and vitality.

The revolutionary ideas of President KIM IL SUNG and comrade KIM JONG IL have been formulated as Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism and it is now being continuously developed in depth as a powerful ideological banner of inheriting and accomplishing the revolutionary leadership of Songun. This is precious fruit

brought about by unique ideological and theoretical activities of respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN.

Respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN firmly defends the legacy of KIM IL SUNG and KIM JONG IL, the great leaders of the DPRK.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN unfolds the politics of love and trust, the all-embracing politics to achieve invincible single-hearted unity of the leader and the Party, the army and the people. The single-hearted unity is lifeline of existence and development of socialism and source of its invincibility. The single-hearted unity describes the essential feature of socialist Korea, but it is not achieved of its own accord.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN gives steady continuity to the history and tradition of single-hearted unity of the Korean revolution while looking after all people across the country. He takes accounts not only of health of the revolutionary forerunners including the anti-Japanese war veterans but also of the future of children in baby homes and orphanages showing big affection to them. Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN visits the foremost military units for the soldiers.

No force in the world can break the might of single-hearted unity of the DPRK who is rallied around the leader with one mind and will and advancing forward dynamically.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN adds brilliance to the DPRK as the world military giant.

Had a deep relation with rifle since his early days and made

immortal contributions in the journey of Songun-based revolution together with Chairman KIM JONG IL, KIM JONG UN makes every possible efforts to strengthen the People's Army into the powerful revolutionary army of Mt. Paektu, the reliable scout and strong support of Songun-based revolution and to solidly build up defence capability of the country.

It is KIM JONG UN's will to strengthen the People's Army in every way in order to add lustre to the DPRK's dignity through all ages.

With his outstanding military strategy and wisdom, KIM JONG UN has developed the People's Army into the reliable scout of Songun-based revolution, the elite revolutionary armed forces, and put the national defence industry on a new Jucheoriented, modern and information-oriented basis, thus building up the DPRK's military capabilities.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN exerts steady efforts on the strengthening of the People's Army. Might of Songun is that of the People's Army, and the main in building up the military capabilities is to strengthen the People's Army.

In keeping with the prevailing situation and the demands of the developing revolution, respected KIM JONG UN put forward a new line of simultaneously developing the two fronts and applied it in all fields, thus cementing the national strength of the DPRK considerably.

Under the leadership of respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN the DPRK has carried out 5 nuclear tests

including a hydrogen bomb test, and now the DPRK has become a proud independent socialist nuclear power.

Military and technical changes in the DPRK should be approached with due consideration. Powerful nuclear deterrent, the war deterrent of the DPRK becomes the powerful treasured sword capable of destroying the US imperialist aggression and war moves.

On October 10th 2015 military parade and mass demonstration of Pyongyang citizens were held in splendour in celebration of the 70th founding anniversary of the WPK.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN said.

“In direct confrontation with the high-handed US imperialists who have grown fat on aggression and war, our service personnel and other people have inflicted one ignominious defeat after another on them and are forcefully overcoming the brigandish sanctions and blockade imposed by the imperialist forces. Their indomitable spirit and strength of unity strike extreme anxiety and fear into the enemy.

Today our Party can proudly state that our revolutionary armed forces are capable of fighting any type of war the US imperialists may resort to, and have made full preparations for firmly defending the blue skies of the country and the security of the people.”

At the military parade held in celebration of the 70th founding anniversary of the WPK, the ironclad ranks proceeded as if they were to destroy the enemy’s bulwark at a go showering fire upon it.

Also proceeded were the guns and rockets fully charged shells for ruthlessly destroying the bases of war provokers, fixing them in gun sights. The Korean-style ultra-modern military equipment and high-precision striking means including the guns of different calibres, armoured cars, drones and strategic rockets fully demonstrated that they are ready to give merciless and unimaginable powerful blow to the aggressors once they ignite a war against the socialist country that is more valuable than life. Through the parade, the DPRK fully demonstrated its might to the world.

Today the powerful military capabilities including nuclear weapons and rockets serve as a guarantee ensuring the existence of the DPRK. It is not accidental that the US imperialists have a fear of the DPRK's satellites, saying that they assume military characters.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN ushers in a new heyday in the DPRK.

It is his firm will to place the DPRK, the politico-ideological and military giant, on the position of economic giant and powerful civilized nation so as to fully display its dignity and might. Cherishing this intention, respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN unfolds and leads grand plan and operation of building a powerful socialist country where the Korean people would enjoy happy life. Thanks to his distinguished organizing ability that enables to construct even a structure in the highest level and extraordinary leadership that ushers in a heyday of

prosperity, world-startling miracles and innovations are made in the DPRK.

In a near future the DPRK will create the world-startling miracles in building an economic giant and powerful civilized nation as it is under the wise leadership of respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN who put forward the highest goal and scientific blueprint with noble love for the country and people and with the enterprising and innovative insight, and devotes his all for their realization.

SECTION TWO

THE COUNTRY WHOSE GUIDELINE IS JUCHE IDEA AND SONGUN IDEA

The DPRK is based on the Juche Idea and Songun idea.

As defined by the DPRK constitution, the Juche Idea is its guiding ideology. The DPRK lives and breathes Juche. Juche is the lifeblood of the DPRK giving it energy and inspiring all its victories.

President KIM IL SUNG said.

“In a nutshell, the idea of Juche means that the masters of the revolution and the work of construction are the masses of the people and that they are also the motive force of the revolution and the work of construction. In other words, one is responsible for one's own destiny and one has also the capacity for hewing

out one's own destiny.”

The Juche idea is the man-centred philosophical thought that places man at the centre of philosophical thinking for the first time in human history of philosophy and presents and gives solutions to all philosophical questions in relation with him.

First of all, the Juche idea elucidates the man-centred philosophical principle.

The Juche idea is the man-centred philosophical thought that regards man not as a simple part of the world but as its master, the dominator, and gives world outlook in relation with man.

The essence of the Juche idea is that man is master of his destiny.

The definition clarifying the position and role of man in the world is a new one based on the philosophical explanation on the essential characteristics of man.

The Juche idea raised it as an important philosophical task to explain man's essential characteristics and originally clarified that man is a social being with independence, creativity and consciousness.

Only man whose life and soul is independence is able to defend his dignity and rights through the struggle, being ready to lay down his life and without any compromise with any domination and submission. This is the truth recorded in the long history of human struggle.

Therefore, the Juche idea that regards the independence and life and soul of man is the thoroughgoing revolutionary idea that attributes man's dignity and value, all sorts of struggles and life to

the independence.

Ideology that elucidates the most correct principle defending and adding brilliance to man's dignity is the one that regards him as the most valuable and powerful being, and the one that places his dignity and value on the highest phase.

The Juche idea, that regards man as the master of his destiny on the basis of the revolutionary and scientific explanation of his essential characteristics, established viewpoint and stand of giving importance to man's interests and role in all thinking and activities. As it is a general methodology to be maintained in recognizing and transforming the world, the viewpoint and stand towards the world can be scientific only when they approach the world in relation with man.

The viewpoint and stand of approaching the world with man as a centre established for the first time in history of human thoughts are the ones approaching the world proceeding from the interests of man, the master of his destiny, and the ones approaching the changes and development of the world with his activities as the main.

Man that is mentioned here is not a particular individual but the popular masses.

Man's interest in the Juche idea is not a greedy one like personal accumulation of wealth or success in life. It is fundamental interest of a social being, the interest of the popular masses to live and develop independently free from all sorts of fetter and subjugation of nature and society.

This implies that the methodology of approaching the world proceeding from man's interest is the most popular philosophical methodology that enables to make everything serve the popular masses and realize their independent ideal by relying on their strength.

Next, the Juche idea explains in a unique way the sociohistorical principle centred on man, the popular masses.

The Juche idea clearly explains that the motive force of history is the popular masses, illuminating that in the sociohistorical movement there is a motive force that causes and accelerates purposefully and consciously unlike the natural movement.

The Juche idea clarified that the socio-historical movement is an independent, creative and conscious movement, with essential characteristics of the popular masses, the subject of history.

It is an intrinsic demand of the popular masses to live as masters of the world and their destiny free from all sorts of subjugation and subordination. They conduct continuous activities to transform nature and society because they want to live as the masters of nature and society.

The popular masses' historic struggle to transform nature and society is dynamically propelled by their creative strength. The popular masses have inexhaustible creative wisdom, talent and rich practical experiences capable of recognizing, nature and society.

No one in the world is more powerful and intelligent than

popular masses. If there is an omnipotent being in the world, it is none other than the popular masses.

The explanation on the law peculiar to social movement by the Juche idea is a big change in the history of human philosophical thoughts.

In history, the popular masses had been treated for a long time as the passive beings moving in accordance with the will of the God, or blindly following that of distinguished individuals. The Marxist materialistic view of history said that the popular masses are developers of productive forces.

The law peculiar to the social movement that popular masses are the motive force of history and socio-historical movement is an independent, creative and conscious movement of the masses results in the new viewpoint and stand of regarding and approaching the masses as the most valuable and powerful beings of the world.

If the popular masses are the performers of social movement who cause the social movement to transform nature and society proceeding and push it ahead with their creative wisdom and enthusiasm because they have the independent demand, they are the most precious beings in the world.

The key to social movement and revolutionary movement is, after all, decided by the revolutionary enthusiasm and creative wisdom of the popular masses, who are the masters and motive force of the movement with inexhaustible zeal and creativity.

Thanks to the Juche idea, the position of the popular masses,

who had been regarded in the past as the beings who are ignorant and can not make any contribution to historical development and who considered it as their fate to be exploited, oppressed and maltreated, could be placed on the highest phase.

The truth that everything in the world can have value only when it serves the popular masses was explained by the Juche idea.

After all, the Juche idea is the idea of believing in the people as in heaven that elucidated the man-centred principle that man is master of everything and decides everything, and the sociohistorical principle that approaches the socio-historical movement, the revolutionary movement centring on the popular masses.

There were numerous philosophical thoughts in history, but it is only the great Juche idea that regards the popular masses as the being as same as the God, the omnipotent being, makes everything serve them and demands to solve everything by relying on them.

The Juche idea clarifies not only the philosophical view on the world and social history but the guiding principles of the revolution and construction.

From the first period of its founding, the Juche idea was a weapon of action, the practical weapon, thus making substantial contribution to the carving out of the masses' destiny. It was because it has the guiding principles of the revolution and construction as its main contents.

Shouting slogans or resorting to theoretical discussions cannot shape the popular masses' destiny properly.

Their destiny can be shaped only through the revolution and construction and there should be the principle for the revolution and construction. Idea without principle cannot be guideline of revolution however original principles it may clarify.

In a nutshell, the guiding principles of the Juche idea are to establish Juche in all Party and state activities, in all fields of the revolution and construction.

They include the principle of maintaining independent stand, the principle of applying creative method and the principle of putting stress on ideology.

President KIM IL SUNG first used the word Juche in December 1955 in his famous work *“On Eliminating Dogmatism and Formalism and Establishing Juche in Ideological Work,”* it goes back much further than that. The Juche Idea was first elaborated in the work *“The Path of the Korean Revolution”* which was the President’s speech made to the Kalun Meeting of Korean revolutionaries in June 1930.

The Juche Idea was further developed and systematised by the great leader Comrade KIM JONG IL who wrote the classic work *“On the Juche Idea”* and other works such as *“On Some Problems In Education in the Juche Idea”* and *“On Establishing the Juche Outlook on the Revolution.”*

The Juche idea is based on the philosophical principle that man is the master of everything and decides everything. It is the man-centred world outlook to materialize the independence of the popular masses and also a political philosophy which elucidates

the theoretical basis of politics that leads the social development correctly.

The Government of the DPRK steadfastly maintains Juche in all realms of the revolution and construction.

What exactly does it mean to establish Juche? Establishing Juche means adopting the attitude of a master towards the revolution and construction of one's country.

It means maintaining independent and creative stand in finding out solutions to the problems which arise in the revolution and construction. It implies solving those problems mainly by one's own efforts and in conformity with the actual conditions of one's own country. The realization of independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in national defence is a principle the Government of the Republic maintains consistently.

Juche could be simply summed up as meaning independence, independence and independence. However its meaning is much deeper and more profound than that. Juche is about empowering people, making them masters of their destiny. Juche shows the only way to national, class and human liberation.

Its vitality has been proved in practice many times. The influence of Juche goes beyond the borders of the DPRK, there are over 1 000 Juche Idea Study Groups in the world and international and national seminars on the Juche Idea are held regularly. Many progressive parties and national liberation movements have adopted the Juche Idea.

For example Colonel Houari Boumédiène Chairman of the Revolutionary Council of the Popular and Democratic Republic of Algeria and chairman of the National Liberation Front of Algeria said in 1974 *“Under the leadership of President KIM IL SUNG and thanks to the Juche Idea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has become the pride of the third world.”* Hafez Al Assad, President of the Syrian Arab Republic and general secretary of the Syrian Arab Socialist Baath Party said in 1977 *“In Syria we are educating our younger generation in the Juche idea which constitutes one of the principles and points of departure of the March 8th revolution led by the Arab Socialist Baath Party.”* Sam Nujoma, President of the West African Peoples’ Organisation of Namibia stated that *“In the struggle against imperialism we are relying on the line clarified by Premier KIM IL SUNG in his treatise ‘Let Us Intensify the Anti-Imperialist, anti-US Struggle.’”* We are making endeavours to cement solidarity among world revolutionary peoples in the anti-US anti-imperialist struggle.”

The Korean people value the independence of their land and nation. Defying the pressure, sanctions and threats of imperialists and dominationists, they have thoroughly implemented the principle of independence, self-reliance and self-defence, defending the country's sovereignty and dignity firmly like no other people in the world.

It is the invariable policy of the Government of the DPRK, guided by the Juche idea, to treasure the Juche character and

national character and maintain and enhance them. The Government of the Republic always adheres to the principle of Juche, the principle of national independence, and thus is carrying out the socialist cause of Juche.

The Juche idea seminar on Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism and the Cause of Global Independence” was held in Pyongyang on April 14, 2014.

Delegations of the Juche Idea Study Groups, delegates and the Juche idea followers participated in it.

In his report, Ramon Jimenez Lopez, the vice-director general of the IJI and concurrently the chairman of Latin American Institute for the Study of the Juche Idea stressed that the revolutionary idea of President KIM IL SUNG and General Secretary KIM JONG IL are being further developed by HE KIM JONG UN.

Saying that the aspiration and desire of mankind to live independently against all sorts of domination and subjugation get more ardent and no one can check the trend of history towards justice, he emphasized that Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism must be considered as the guideline in order to accelerate the cause of global independence.

He stressed that the Juche idea study groups should enhance their role to activate the study and dissemination of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as required by the developing reality in which the trend of the times towards independence, peace and prosperity becomes strong.

Expressing his belief that the mankind’s aspiration for

freedom, peace and prosperity will surely come true only when they advance along the road indicated by Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, the great guiding ideology for the accomplishment of the cause of global independence, he appealed to wage dynamic struggle to hasten the victory in the cause of global independence, holding aloft the banner of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

At the seminar speeches were made under the titles “Having Studied Speech of KIM JONG UN, First Secretary of the WPK *‘Let Us Hasten the Final Victory through a Revolutionary Ideological Offensive’* (February 25, 2014), “Interrelations between Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism and Society,” “Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism Is the Great Ideology in the Era of Independence,” etc.

The speakers highly praised that Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism that includes the Juche idea, the Songun politics and the theory of building a powerful socialist country illuminates the road of independence and sovereignty for the world people.

They stressed that the tradition of brilliant ideology is being succeeded on a new high stage by Marshal KIM JONG UN and a solid foundation for consummating the revolutionary cause of Juche based on Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism has been laid.

They stated the tasks arising in applying the great ideology in keeping with the concrete conditions and circumstances of different countries, saying that it is just that HE KIM JONG UN formulated as Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism the ideas of the peerlessly great men who led the people to solve all problems in

an independent and creative manner.

They stressed that the Juche idea study groups would make active struggle for the cause of global independence in close collaboration with the progressive people.

Concluding their speeches, they shouted the slogans “Long live immortal Juche idea!”, “Long live Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism!” and others.

Today under the wise and capable leadership of the respected KIM JONG UN the DPRK is modelling the whole society on Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism in order to realise the full independence of masses.

The Songun idea is, in a nutshell, the idea that gives importance and priority to military in accomplishing the masses’ cause of independence, the cause of socialism and pushes ahead with the overall revolution and construction with the revolutionary army as the core force.

There were many ideological trends that put it forward as their aim to realize social emancipation of the working masses. However, no idea illuminated the road for the popular masses’ independence with rifle, the revolutionary army as the main. The theory of Utopian socialism, the first socialist doctrine that aspired after the working masses’ social emancipation revealed the social evils inherent in capitalism while regarding the exploited working masses as simple object of sympathy and sought to realize social equality through the enlightenment of the people and in the method of appealing to the exploiting classes’ so-called “bona

fides.”

Marxism-Leninism clarified that the working class is the most advanced and revolutionary class, the main force, and socialism can be realized only by their class struggle, thus turning Utopian socialism into a science. It explained that the capitalist society can be thrown over not by reform but by revolutionary violence of the working class, and socialism can be built only through the working class’ political domination over the society, the proletarian dictatorship as a weapon. The theory of proletarian dictatorship on abolishing the exploiting class’ private ownership, repress the resistance of the overthrown exploiting class and ensure unified leadership over economy with the political domination of the working class over society, the dictatorship of proletariat, as a weapon is the core of Marxism-Leninism. Theory of socialist revolution, the theory of socialist construction clarified by Marxism-Leninism could not present Songun.

The Songun idea is a revolutionary idea of giving top priority to and channeling utmost efforts into the military in the whole course of the revolutionary struggle for independence of the popular masses, placing the revolutionary army before the working class and relying on the core and pivotal role of the revolutionary army. All principles, guiding principles and contents are consistent with the idea of giving precedence to the military and placing the army before the working class.

The Songun-based revolutionary idea gives importance and priority to the military in accomplishing the independent cause of

popular masses, the cause of socialism. Different fields of social life including politics, economy, culture and foreign relations have independent significance. However, no field of social life is more important than the military. The Songun idea clarifies that prior development should be given to the military, proceeding from the correct understanding of its absolute significance and importance in social life.

Popular masses' struggle for independence is accompanied by confrontation of power with all sorts of counter-revolutionary forces. This is law of revolutionary movement. Since society was divided into classes, the human history has developed amid fierce struggle between the popular masses aspiring after independence and the exploiting and reactionary class infringing upon the masses' independence. Spartacus's slavery riot in ancient Rome and Stenka Rajin Peasants' War in Russia in the Middle Ages were not the accidental ones. It was for independence more valuable than their lives that the popular masses raised riots and uprisings and took part in the wars while shedding bloods. The more the popular masses' struggle intensifies, the more the confrontation of strength with the exploiting class, the ruling class gets acute. The closer the end of exploiting class, reactionary class becomes the more desperate efforts they make. The popular masses' struggle against the exploiting class gets more intensified in the struggle to overthrow the capitalist system and build and consolidate the socialist system. The decisive mean on which imperialism, the outrageous oppressing system combining class domination and

national oppression depends is barbarous counterrevolutionary violence.

A lesson left by Hungarian revolution vividly proves this. In March 1919, Soviet power was established in Hungary following Russia. Under the leadership of the communist party, popular policies including the nationalization of key industries, 8-hour working system, universal free social insurance system and free educational system were enforced in Hungary. However, the imperialists, considering the revolution as an encumbrance, committed outrageous armed intervention with the superior forces by collaborating with the internal reactionary forces. The Soviet power in Hungary ended its existence after 130 days since its establishment as it had no strength capable of checking the imperialists' military invasion.

Even after the victory in the socialist revolution, confrontation of strength with imperialism continues as ever. Campaign to defend socialism goes on because the imperialists continue military threats and aggressive moves to eliminate socialist system by all means. The campaign to defend socialism can be stepped up with success only when it is supported by powerful strength capable of resolutely control and frustrate imperialist moves of aggression.

Idea of Songun-based revolution is the ideology of pushing ahead with the overall revolution and construction with the revolutionary army as core forces. The Songun idea is the revolutionary idea that uniquely explains that no collective among

the revolutionary forces composed of different classes, strata and social collectives is more powerful than the revolutionary army and that the might of motive force of the revolution can be consolidated to maximum and given full play only when the revolutionary army is singled out as a core element.

Several problems arise in strengthening the motive force of revolution. Among them the main is who is considered as the core force. Role and might of motive force of revolution is decided and victory of revolution is decided, by who is selected as the core of revolution and how it is strengthened.

Among several classes, strata and social collectives that form the motive force of revolution, the most superior and powerful collective is the revolutionary army holding force of arms.

The army has been considered as an armed collective whose specialty is military activities. By nature, the army was organized as the violence to dominate class by class, as a standing armed collective whose aim is war performance and whose mission and duty is military activities. However, the revolutionary army is not a simple military collective.

The revolutionary army is not only the armed forces defending the anti-imperialist military front with arms but also the revolutionary force, the revolutionary collective that is the core in pushing ahead the overall revolution and construction by strengthening the motive force of the revolution and enhancing its role. Only when the revolutionary army becomes the hard-core force, can the motive force of the revolution be the invincible

combat rank modeled on the spirit and fighting traits of the revolutionary army, strengthened into the powerful revolutionary force no one can break.

Of course, one can have option of putting up the advanced and revolutionary working class and enhancing its role to consolidate the motive force of revolution. This was an unmovable formula in the past revolutionary struggle.

But according to the scientific analysis of nature of revolutionary army, its features befitting an armed unit and experiences of revolutionary practice, one can find that no revolutionary force is more powerful than the revolutionary army. Might of the motive force of the revolution can be strengthened unusually and its role be enhanced to the maximum only when the revolutionary army becomes the core, the main force. This proves the fact that regarding the revolutionary army as the hard-core force is a new road, the most correct road of strengthening the motive force of the revolution.

One thing must be clear here. That is the Songun idea is rooted in the Juche idea and holds its peculiar position in the Juche idea.

Position of the Songun idea in the Juche idea is that, in a nutshell, it gives answers to key questions for the victory in the revolution.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN said.

“From the starting point of the Juche-based revolutionary principle that the victory of the revolutionary cause is decided by

force of arms, the idea gives scientific and practical answers to the key questions arising in winning victory in the revolution.”

The Songun idea is the idea and theory that gives scientific and practical answers to the key questions arising in winning victory in the revolution. Of course, different factors act in winning victory in the revolution. However, there exists a key question serving as a decisive factor in winning victory in the revolution.

Key question in the revolutionary struggle is what is considered as the most powerful strength in making revolution.

The most powerful strength in accomplishing the cause of revolution clarified by the Songun idea is the military strength and the might of the revolutionary army. One can destroy the brutal suppression and suffocation moves of counter-revolutionary forces hindering the start and advance of the revolution only when one has military strength. One can also unusually enhance the motive force of the revolution and firmly ensure the victorious advance and completion of revolution only when one relies thoroughly on the role and might of the revolutionary army. Military strength, the might of the revolutionary army is the most powerful strength of the revolution.

The Songun idea newly and scientifically clarifies that the strength firmly guaranteeing the victory in the revolution is the military strength and the might of the revolutionary army, the hard-core force in the revolution. Giving importance and priority to the military and pushing ahead with the overall revolution and

construction with the revolutionary army as the hard-core force is the most scientific and realistic way that firmly guarantees the victory in the revolution with the invincible might of force of arms, the inexhaustible strength of motive force of the revolution whose core is the revolutionary army.

Conditions of our era where fierce confrontation between socialism and imperialism reaches the extreme and the imperialists' military high-handedness and aggressive moves are frantic prove it as an iron truth that the victory in the revolution is inconceivable without the force of arms, the revolutionary army. The revolution is ever-victorious when the force of arms, the revolutionary army is strengthened, but the revolution ruins in case the force of arms is neglected.

The idea of Songun-based revolution is the scientific and unique revolutionary theory that forms important contents of the Juche idea. The Songun idea is the idea of pushing ahead with the revolution and construction by dint of force of arms, the revolutionary theory illuminating a new road of making the revolution by dint of force of arms. All contents included in the idea of Songun-based revolution are directly related to the revolution and clearly indicate the scientific ways for the accomplishment of the revolution. The idea of Songun-based revolution is the ideology and theory that indicates the way of realizing genuine independence of the popular masses, the final purpose of the revolution and construction, by dynamically pushing ahead with the revolution and construction by dint of

force of arms, the revolutionary army.

The Songun idea is not the ideology different from the Juche idea that clarified the scientific way for complete independence of the popular masses. The Songun idea is the revolutionary theory that is included in the component system of the Juche idea and makes true contribution to the realization of the Juche idea.

Everyone knows well Lenin's principle that there cannot be revolutionary practice without revolutionary theory. The revolutionary theory ensures the victory in the cause of socialism with the principles proved scientifically in the historical practice and through its development.

The DPRK's history and mode of existence is intimately linked to the Songun idea (military first concept), Songun politics and Songun-based revolutionary leadership.

The Songun idea was based on the simple principle that arms guarantee the defence and advance of the revolution. This was the truth of the anti-Japanese armed struggle led by the great leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG and was elaborated at the famous Kalun meeting of June 1930.

The great leader Comrade KIM JONG IL was born as the son of guerrillas on Mt. Paektu hearing the sounds of gunshot of the anti-Japanese war. Later during the severe Fatherland Liberation War against the Yankee imperialists he visited the KPA Supreme Command operations room.

As is well known to the world, Comrade KIM JONG IL started his Songun revolutionary leadership on August 25, 1960 at

the historic Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105th Tank Division.

The Songun idea was developed in depth by Leader KIM JONG IL.

Leader KIM JONG IL said.

“By dint of Songun politics we have smashed the antiDPRK, anti-socialist machinations of the imperialists step by step, defended the country and the revolution and exalted the dignity and prestige of socialist Korea in the eyes of the world.

The Songun-based politics of our Party is a politics the invincibility of which has been verified through severe historical ordeals, and an all-powerful sword for victory in the revolution. It is an invariable conviction and will of our Party to defend and carry forward by force of arms the sacred revolutionary cause which was pioneered and has won one victory after another by force of arms. The whole Party, the entire army and all the people must wage a resolute struggle under the banner of Songun and thus build a great, prosperous and powerful socialist nation, achieve national reunification and accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche.”

Songun fully recognises the basic fact that socialism is built in confrontation with imperialism. The DPRK itself is on the frontline of the struggle between socialism and imperialism.

During the 1960s US imperialism was inciting its puppets in south Korea to “march north” to attack the DPRK.

Imperialism had also penetrated the international communist movement in the form of modern revisionism. The modern

revisionists caused splits and confusion. The socialist camp was split into two creating a dangerous situation. The modern revisionists compromised with the US imperialists and stifled the anti-imperialist struggle jabbering about 'peaceful co-existence' they embarked unilateral and one-sided disarmament of the socialist camp. They melted down tanks and guns. In 1962 Khrushchev betrayed Cuba to the US imperialists. Not only did they weaken the defence capacity of the socialist camp but they crippled communist and workers' parties throughout the world with their "peaceful road" theories. The experience of Cuba in 1962 showed that a small country cannot entrust its defence to big countries and that one should not rely on others for defence.

Thus the need was for Korea strengthening and consolidation of its self-defence capabilities a revolutionary line in opposition to both US imperialism and modern revisionism. The great leader President KIM IL SUNG and the dear leader Comrade KIM JONG IL knew that socialism could not be defended by just talking about "peaceful co-existence" and other such flowery and effete phraseology. The whole experience of the Korean revolution showed that the revolution was defended and advanced by the arms.

The Korean People's Army was fortified ideologically and politically. It was built up as the army of the leader, Party and working class.

The great leader Comrade KIM JONG IL said.

"The People's Army is the revolutionary armed force of the

Workers' Party of Korea and its mission is to defend with arms the revolutionary cause of our Party."

It was also built into a strong army, a revolutionary army of Mt. Paektu fully inheriting the traditions of the anti-Japanese armed struggle. It became an army in which each of its soldiers was a match for a hundred enemy soldiers (though the anti-party revisionists tried to oppose the revolutionary slogan "a-match-for-a hundred").

Leader KIM JONG IL taught as follows.

"We must inspire the entire Party membership and working people and soldiers of the People's Army with a firm conviction of victory and dauntless fighting spirit so that if the enemy assaults us we shall rise as one and smite the aggressors violently for the honour of Juche Korea under the direction of the leader."

Under the Songun-based revolutionary leadership of leader KIM JONG IL the KPA and Korean people smote US imperialism with full force. In January 1968 the USS Pueblo, an armed spy pirate ship of the US imperialist aggressors was captured by the KPA navy off Wonsan (the Pueblo was for many years moored on the bank of the River Taedong but is now at the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum). The US imperialists demanded the immediate return of the ship falsely claiming that it was in "international waters" and the cowardly revisionists tried to advise the DPRK to send the ship and its crew back.

Leader KIM JONG IL said.

"Nowadays people of a certain country are saying that if a war breaks out in Korea it will be serious problem and 'advising us' it would be better to have the Pueblo quietly released. This would mean making a concession to US imperialism, and we can never do such a thing. A concession to US imperialism means submission and surrender. Since our People's Army did not capture the 'Pueblo' on the sea off the United States, but when it was in violation of our country's territorial waters and engaged in acts of espionage, we need to neither make any concession to the Americans nor pander to them."

The DPRK resolutely stood firm and refused to do so until an apology from the US was issued.

In 1969 the US imperialist spy plane EC121 tried to infiltrate into the DPRK but was shot down by the KPA air force. In 1994 a US army helicopter infiltrated into DPRK airspace and was brought down by one shot by the KPA. All these victories show that the DPRK was totally correct to pursue Songun politics. (for more detailed account of the Songun politics please see my book "In Defence of Songun").

Thus under the Songun revolutionary leadership the DPRK has been fortified ever more strongly as the powerful socialist state of independence, that is a country of Juche which is able to do what it likes and say what it likes no matter what others may say or think.

Comrade KIM JONG IL, brilliant commander of Songun declared on January 1, 1995, at the Tabaksol army post that the

Korean people had a choice of either being an independent people adhering to socialism or colonial slaves of imperialism.

Thanks to the Songun-based revolutionary leadership, Songun politics of the great leader Comrade KIM JONG IL the DPRK has been able to smash the unceasing pressure and moves of US and world imperialism to isolate and stifle the DPRK. The DPRK has carried proudly along the road of Juche defying the imperialists. The Songun revolutionary leadership has carried forward the Juche revolutionary cause and is propelling it ever onward to final victory.

Some people wanted the DPRK to laid down its weapons and disarm, it is all too clear what would have happened had the DPRK listened to them and abandoned. (for a more detailed explanation of Songun please see my book “In Defence of Songun.”)

Respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN staunchly continues with Songun revolutionary leadership and the Songun politics as well as the policy of bolstering the nuclear deterrent.

January 1, 2012!

The world placed its focus on respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN.

Where would he lead a country, a nation being enveloped in sorrow? Various conjectures and wild rumours prevailed.

When the public opinions directed their focus on the DPRK suffering from biggest national mourning, respected Supreme

Leader KIM JONG UN first inspected Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105th Tank Division after paying tribute to Chairman KIM JONG IL.

No long interpretation was needed.

Taking his first step of a new Juche centenary with Songun, respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN demonstrated home and abroad his firm faith and will to invariably hold high the banner of Songun, succeeding the intentions of President KIM IL SUNG and Chairman KIM JONG IL as they were.

The earth was in shock. Newspapers, news and radios in numerous countries vied to broadcast the shocking news under the titles “Leader KIM JONG UN Inspects Tank Division,” “First Inspection of Supreme Commander Is Tank Division,” etc.

On April 15, 2012, Pyongyang in the DPRK was in the world limelight.

This day, respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN delivered first open address ***“Let Us March forward Dynamically Towards Final Victory, Holding Higher the Banner of Songun”*** at the military parade held in celebration of the 100th birth anniversary of President KIM IL SUNG.

In general, first open address of a leader holds very important position in his political activities. Because his first open address decides main orientation of his lines and policies.

That’s why they paid attention to the voice of Pyongyang, the DPRK.

In his address, respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN

gave the wisest and perfect scientific solutions to all questions arising winning final victory in the Songun-based revolution with the banner of Songun.

He noted that the Korean people are demonstrating their dignity as an independent people whom no one dares to provoke thanks to the wise Songun-based leadership, Songun politics of the President and the Chairman.

His speech was the historic one that formulated the road indicated by Songun idea, the road of invariably supporting the Songun politics of the WPK as the invariable coordinates of the revolution, the eternal strategy of struggle.

It was the declaration of resolute will to add eternal lustre to the history of KIM IL SUNG's nation and KIM JONG IL's Korea by dint of inexhaustible might of powerful revolutionary army of Mt. Paektu.

On April 15, 2017, there was a military parade in splendour in the DPRK in celebration of the 105th birth anniversary of President KIM IL SUNG.

The military parade demonstrated the military equipment including the ultra-modern tanks, armoured cars, self-propelled guns, multiple launch rocket system and rockets manufactured entirely by the efforts, technology and raw materials of the DPRK.

As for the military parade held on the biggest scale in the army-building history, the world media appraised that it was the "military parade of strategic force," the DPRK openly boasted of being a nuclear power in the face of the world, DPRK officially

noticed to the world that it is fully ready for an all-out war with the US.

The military parade imbued the world progressive people with firm confidence in victory and courage, give anxiety and terror to the reactionary forces including the US and south Korean puppets.

Indeed, the military parade was the unique military demonstration vividly proved the fact that no force on earth can match the strength of the DPRK that has built up its military capabilities with the banner of Songun.

Songun is a word of the present era that was born in the DPRK together with the word “Juche” and is now being approved and disseminated as that of humankind.

Songun idea is the guideline of the Korean revolution. Songun that gave birth to the great history of Songun-based revolution, Songun politics and Songun Korea is the eternal and invariable theme of life and struggle in the past, today and in the future. Songun is known among the people as independence and patriotism, dignity and victory.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN said.

“Songun is our independence, dignity and lifeblood. We should not forget the bitter lessons of history that our people learned in the past when they lost their country and were subjected to the misery of colonial slavery because of their weak military strength. It is the stark reality of today that if a country is weak militarily it cannot defend its independence and its right

of survival and will ultimately fall prey to the imperialists. Therefore, we should make consistent efforts to increase our military capabilities.”

In the early 20th century, Korea was reduced to a sacrifice of aggressive policy of the Japanese militarists and the Korean people were placed in a miserable lot of colonial slavery. Natural resources were all plundered, the working strata suffered from extremely severe exploitation and the cultural treasures of 5 000 year-long history were massively unearthed. The colonialists tried to obliterate the Korean nation. They forcibly deprived the Korean people of the mother tongue and forced them to change their names into Japanese ones. However, the people's hatred against the oppressors got more intensified and the broad fighting forces were formed to realize the country's independence and the people's independence.

The anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle began to have genuine effect since President KIM IL SUNG embarked on the road of the struggle. The President elucidated the aim and methods of struggle, encouraged the people with new ideas and led the armed struggle. He founded the Korean People's Revolutionary Army and combined mass political work properly with combat operations.

Division of military responsible areas (along the 38th parallel) between the former USSR and the US became the division of Korea, and recovering it was complicated from the beginning. The US did not want to withdraw their troops from the Korean

peninsula but tried to occupy whole Korea as a bridgehead for invading Asia. The US established the puppet government in south Korea and made armed invasion upon the DPRK in 1950. The US imperialists that were notorious for their unprecedented atrocity upon the peaceful inhabitants in the Korean War signed the Armistice Agreement after being defeated ignominiously. However, the peaceful environment failed to be created in Korea. For several decades after the war the Korean people have lived under the constant danger of military provocation and a new war.

Under such circumstances, the DPRK pursued the Songun politics that gives top priority to the military. Tasks of turning the whole country into a fortress, turning the whole army into an army of cadres, modernizing the entire army and arming all the people were presented. Those tasks were carried out through campaign and this country possessed the war deterrent.

After all, it was not surprising but natural that President KIM IL SUNG and Chairman KIM JONG IL gave top priority to the military.

Songun is the pride tradition of the Korean revolution started by President KIM IL SUNG and led by the President and Chairman KIM JONG IL and the banner of victory and glory. The Korean people, with the banner of Songun, braved through unprecedented difficulties and trials and created world-startling miracles. As a result, the DPRK fully demonstrated its dignity to the world.

The historic experience of complicated struggle and creation

spanning almost 70 years comprehensively proved the truth that Songun is the source of vitality and invincibility of the DPRK.

Songun is a firm guarantee for victory and glory of the DPRK.

The secret of why the DPRK can never collapse is the 2 pillars--the Juche Idea and the Songun Idea.

SECTION THREE THE COUNTRY WITH INVINCIBLE UNITY AND COHESION

Modern revisionists along with their ideological fellow travellers bourgeois liberals like to mouth about the “cult of personality.” This was a term used by Khrushchev to slander and vilify the late JV Stalin and the building of socialism in the former USSR. Khrushchev’s so called secret speech to the 20th congress of the CPSU was leaked out to the imperialist countries and the term “cult of personality” became a stock in trade for anticommunist propagandists as well as revisionists and opportunists.

The modern revisionists who made a great fuss against the “cult of personality” taking advantage of the 20th congress of the CPSU held in February 1956 “instructed” the parties in socialist countries to deal with the issue of “cult of personality.” Accepting such “instruction,” the parties in many countries were drawn into the racket against “cult of personality” and the abnormal situation in which the strong-willed leading cadres were expelled after

being driven as the “Stalinists” was caused.

The USSR and international communist movement suffered badly because of Khrushchev’s anti-socialist moves. The USSR swung right and a few decades later restored capitalism and caused the frustration of socialism in many countries.

That is where the theory of the “cult of personality” ends up. In fact it was the start of a far reaching process of degeneration. The essence of the theory of the so called "cult of personality" is an artificial separation of the leader from the masses. Bourgeois and revisionist commentators fail to realise that the leader is not an individual but the centre of unity of society.

Those who prate about the “cult of personality” are those who fail to see society as a collective, instead are influenced by a bourgeois concept of society which sees society as made up of atomised individuals. Typically an extreme and nihilistic variant of this world outlook was expressed by ex-premier M Thatcher (a woman whose death was cheered by the people and street parties organised to celebrate it) who once claimed that “there is no such thing as society.”

Indeed the leader is the supreme brain of the revolution, the supreme brain of society. Society is like a living organism or a body. A body without a brain would be impossible. Yet some people think you can have a body without a brain. No one thinks of the brain enslaving their own body.

In the DPRK the masses, the party and the leader form an integral and harmonious whole the like of which has never been

witnessed in any exploitative capitalist society and not in any revisionist countries either. People in the DPRK are united in a single heart and a single mind, they move as one.

The single-hearted unity is expressed in large-scale military parade, civilian's demonstration and torchlight parade of young people.

I witnessed for myself when I saw the military parade on April 15th 2012, the July 27th military parade in 2013 and the October 10th military parade and mass civilian procession and torchlight parade of October 2015.

The military parade held on October 10, 2015 was the third one I witnessed.

Prior to the military parade, thunderous applause broke out as respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN appeared on a platform.

The military parade was spectacular. It showed the true precision, efficiency and discipline of the Korean People's Army led by respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN.

Such discipline, unity and efficiency are impossible in imperialist or revisionist countries (which are suffering from social and class contradictions)! No other army has such discipline.

The military parade was followed by civilian procession. This was very colourful, indeed. The civilians were just as enthusiastic as the service personnel. I was particularly impressed to see a flatcar with the picture of the great leader Comrade KIM JONG IL standing in a field of bumper crops.

The fact that the civilian procession come after the military parade demonstrated the army-people unity which is quite impossible in capitalist society where there is conflict between the people and the armed forces. Generally speaking in capitalist countries the armed forces serve as an instrument of class domination and oppression by the capitalist ruling class. Also in the UK the armed forces became despised as they were regarded as a collective of the uneducated, illiterate and rough people who were incapable of doing any job, with soldiers being called “thick squaddies.” In my country there is conflict between the army and the people. In the town where I grew up there was an army barracks in the centre of town but it had to be moved into the countryside far outside town because each night the soldiers would go out and get drunk in pubs and beat up the civilians. This illustrated the deep conflict between the people and armed forces in imperialist society. However in the DPRK there is a powerful unity between the army and people, their destinies are connected together in defending socialism.

When both the military parade and civilian procession were over respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN waved to the crowd. The atmosphere was truly electric with people jumping up and down cheering! It seemed unbelievable and unreal that I, an ordinary British worker, could be within 10 or 20 metres of the leader of one of the most powerful countries. Seeing the crowds cheering and people jumping up and down I was totally of the Korean people’s fervent and enthusiastic support for Marshal

KIM JONG UN.

In the evening there was a militant torchlight parade of youths followed by a colourful firework display. Although the weather was unfavourable the Korean young people did not flinch but took part in the parade with vigour and militancy! This was because they were happy to celebrate the important anniversary of the Party.

The DPRK government is not afraid of putting large numbers of young on the streets whereas in the UK the government would never risk putting such large numbers of youth on the streets as this could lead to a riot. Indeed shortly after my visit to the DPRK the UK witnessed the Halloween riots of young people in Lambeth and the chaos of the “Million Mask march” of anarchists which ended in violence with a number of people arrested or injured. The UK has a history of rioting. The most recent riots being the August 2011 which saw 5 deaths, many people injured and over 3,000 arrested and jailed. In Woolwich where I used to live, the riots were particularly severe with parts of the town centre being destroyed. Previously in the 1980s there had been riots in Brixton, Tottenham, Liverpool and many other places. The 2011 riots, however, were much bigger in scale and intensity than the 1980s riots in the UK. The US too has a long history of riots such as in St Louis, Missouri. Mass shootings frequently occur in the US and some other capitalist countries.

Such occurrences would be impossible in the DPRK where the people are fully united around the leader and the Party and

form a harmonious integral whole. The situation in the so called “advanced” capitalist countries is in contrast to the Juche socialist Democratic People’s Republic of Korea. The DPRK is one of the most stable countries on earth, in fact probably the most stable country in the world.

In 2017, military parade and mass civilian procession were held in Pyongyang with splendour in celebration of the 105th birth anniversary of President KIM IL SUNG. The Korean people fully demonstrated the might of a harmonious whole before the world.

Covering and airing live parade and demonstration, the western media reported that no well-known director in the world can produce such picture of enthusiastically cheering respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN, it is an only “patent” that can be seen only from the Korean people that they shed tears looking up their leader.

AP reported that it is a picture of the service personnel in the parade and the people in the mass demonstration waving bunch of flowers for a long time on a spot while demonstrating their singlehearted unity that can never be found in other countries, a communication in a country broadcasted that an image of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN giving a big hand toward the Pyongyangites to acknowledge them while taking a storm of applause and fervent cheers of the participants, is a vivid one demonstrating the single-hearted unity in the DPRK.

The leader loves the people and the people revere and follow the leader.

This was clearly demonstrated when the great leader Comrade KIM JONG IL passed away. No communist or socialist or progressive person should speak ill of this.

The relationship of the masses to the great leader President KIM IL SUNG and the great leader Comrade KIM JONG IL was a close one which Westerners found hard to understand. They were like ties of blood. Korean people regarded the great leaders KIM IL SUNG and KIM JONG IL as their fathers.

Some of the sillier and most offensive propaganda against Juche Korea comes from the imperialist media such as the BBC who even went to the extreme length of slandering the great leader Comrade KIM JONG IL after he had passed away by talking of “state organised mourning,” this insults the pure feelings of Korean people grieving for the great leader Comrade KIM JONG IL. It is possible to force people some things such as go to work but it is impossible to force people to cry. Emotions come from within.

The south Korean puppets, other imperialist powers such as Japan and assorted international reactionary forces are trying to overthrow socialism in the DPRK, not necessarily by direct force (though this is a possibility with US troops stationed in south Korea and Japan plus 1 000 nuclear weapons in south Korea) or sanctions but by trying to undermine the DPRK from within. This was of course used in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

A Rodong Sinmun article dated January 19th 2009 pointed out as follows.

“The lesson to be drawn from those East European countries which shrank back from the class struggle, harbouring illusion about the class enemies is that if a country makes one step for concession and retreat in the acute class struggle, it will have to take ten or a hundred steps for concession and retreat and thus meet such tragedy as losing its socialist gains at the hands of the enemies.

An uncompromising struggle against the class enemies calls for properly understanding the target of the class struggle.

Imperialism is the class enemy of socialism.

Imperialism represents brutes who cannot exist even a moment without invading other countries and nations. For imperialism aggression and plunder are means of its existence. Its aggressive nature and bestiality can never change.”

We must not forget even a moment that there always exist the class enemies who are working hard to destroy the socialist system.

There are those who are opposed to the socialist system, those introducing the corrupt bourgeois way of life into society, taken in by the imperialists' anti-socialist propaganda, those abandoning the socialist principle for money and those divulging state secrets for money and others who try hard to undermine socialism. All of them are the class enemies of socialism.

The moves of the class enemies to disseminate unsound ideas into socialist society must be thoroughly frustrated.

It is necessary to solidly consolidate the socialist class base, strengthen the cohesion and unity of the revolutionary ranks and

more firmly build up the armed forces of the class and the revolution, the article notes, urging the people not to be tricked by the talk about the super-class “human rights” and “humanitarianism.”

In the 1960s revisionist Khrushchev abolished the dictatorship of the proletariat and declared itself a "state of the whole people" abandoning the class struggle and giving up the revolution halfway.

The great leader President KIM IL SUNG severely criticised this theory in his famous 1967 work *“On Questions of the Transition Period from Capitalism to Socialism and the Dictatorship of the Proletariat.”* He said.

“It is also questionable that people holding Rightist views regard the transition period as the period up to the victory of the socialist revolution. This viewpoint stems from the ideological view of abandoning the class struggle against survivors of the overthrown exploiter classes internally, and internationally refraining from the world revolution, by choosing to live at peace with imperialism. Moreover, they claim that the dictatorship of the proletariat will disappear when the transition period comes to an end. But how can this be? They are fundamentally wrong.”

In a later work *“The Democratic People's Republic of Korea Is the Banner of Freedom and Independence for Our People and the Powerful Weapon of Building Socialism and Communism”* published in September 1968, President KIM IL SUNG said.

“Under the conditions in which remnants of the overthrown

exploiting classes are manoeuvring insidiously and class struggle continues there can be no 'pure democracy' or 'complete freedom' for all. Bourgeois democracy provides the billionaires with the freedom to exploit and plunder the working people for profit and oppress them at will, but it allows the toiling masses only the freedom to wear rags and starve to death. If the class character of democracy is denied in socialist society and so-called 'pure democracy' and 'complete freedom for all' under the dictatorship of the proletariat are advocated, it is in fact, tantamount to forcing bourgeois democracy and the freedom to be slaves upon the people. We are against such an abstract and super-class conception of democracy."

The DPRK maintained that the struggle against the remains of the overthrown capitalists and landlords should be kept up. The DPRK in fact faced sabotage and trickery by spies of both the US and south Korea, for example in 2002 south Korea admitted it sent 7 726 spies into the DPRK between 1953 and 1972, virtually 1 a day! It would be so disastrously naive for the DPRK to "open up," and adopt "pluralism" and "liberalism" as some revisionists seem to think.

Some so-called "ultra leftists" and Trotskyites go as far to repeat the claptrap of so-called defectors(in reality criminals and traitors) and CIA sponsored propagandists such as the mysterious Miss Demick whose age and birthplace no-one seems to know and whose book is a "novelised" rather than factual account.

On December 8, 2013 an enlarged meeting of the Political

Bureau of the CC of the WPK was held under the guidance of dear respected Marshal KIM JONG UN, the First Secretary(then) of the WPK.

At the meeting the crimes of the counter-revolutionary antiparty factional clique of traitor, the traitor Jang Song Thaek were laid bare so the meeting decided to remove the traitor from all of his positions and expel him from the Party.

Furthermore as the KCNA report of the December 8th Enlarged Meeting of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee says.

“The group weakened the Party's guidance over judicial prosecution and people's security bodies, bringing very harmful consequences to the work for protecting the system, policies and people.

Such acts are nothing but counter-revolutionary, unpopular criminal acts of giving up the class struggle and paralyzing the function of popular democratic dictatorship, yielding to the offensive of the hostile forces to stifle the DPRK.”

The struggle for building socialism is always accompanied by a fierce class struggle in which there can be no compromise or concession.

The traitor was clearly a capitalist-roader affected by the capitalist way of living. The traitor committed irregularities and corruption and led a dissolute and depraved life.”

Respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN said.

“This modern version of a factionalist group was an

ideologically degenerate entity which was outwardly overwhelmed with fear in the face of the pressure from the imperialists and inwardly contaminated with bourgeois ideology and culture.”

Factionalism is a harmful ideological poison that collapses unity and cohesion of the party and demolishes labour movement. It is an anti-party, counter-revolutionary ideological tendency originated in the revolutionary movement of the working class and opposes the working class' revolutionary idea.

An irreparable grave consequence is entailed in accomplishing the cause of revolution in case flunkeyism is failed to be overcome. Factionalism occurs among the political careerists when the bourgeois idea, petty-bourgeois idea is promoted in the revolutionary ranks and the external imperialists' pressure is intensified and it conceals when the revolution advances victoriously but reveals its natural shape to challenge the party in the arduous period of the revolution or in the period of changing of generations. Hotbed of factionalism is localism and nepotism, which result in factionalism.

The main practice of factionalism is double-dealing. It seems to be supporting the party and the leader but seeks to slander them and seize the hegemony of the party in practice. Factionalists win or expel the people in an unethical way in order to realize their political aim and employ every nasty and cunning method to do so. It seeks to realize anti-party, counterrevolutionary attempts even in the method of ushering in the outside forces by conspiring with

flunkeyism. It challenges the party and tells right from wrong and opposes the party's lines and policies without reason not for any principled and consistent political view or ideology but for its own political ambition.

The main in the factionalists' anti-Party, counterrevolutionary acts is to slander and oppose the leader. Hence, one can discriminate true colours of factionalism with the attitude toward the leader as a yardstick.

Harmfulness of factionalism lies in the fact that it slanders the authority and prestige of the leader and thus hinders the combination of leadership with the masses, breaks the party's unity and checks the victorious advance of the revolution.

Historically, Korea had undergone trying ordeals due to factionalism. Factionalism came into existence in Korea in the early 1920s. Factionalists originated from the bourgeois and petty bourgeois intellectuals and the intellectuals of ruined aristocratic class origin who joined the ranks of labour movement under the cloak of Marxism formed all sorts of factions including the "Tuesday group," "M-L group," "Seoul-Shanghai group," "Seoul group" and "Irukutsk group" to be absorbed in the extending influence of one's faction and scrambling for hegemony while meeting and parting into "5 persons in 1 party," "3 persons in 1 party."

Factionalists had wormed their way into the revolutionary ranks to challenge the Party and the revolution whenever the Korean revolution went through trying ordeals including the

period of building a new country after the liberation, the period of Fatherland Liberation War and the postwar period of rehabilitation. However, the inveterate factionalism being remained in the movement of the Korean revolution was systematically overcome thanks to the wise leadership of President KIM IL SUNG and Chairman KIM JONG IL.

The DPRK has a proud history of class struggle, a struggle against counter-revolutionary elements

During the fierce Fatherland Liberation War(Korean War) the Pak Hon Yong-Li Sung Yop spy clique who were agents of the US imperialist Central Intelligence Agency betrayed the country caused losses in the war and planned to overthrow the supreme leadership. The great revolutionary leader KIM IL SUNG smashed them and saved the DPRK from being sold out to US imperialism and turned into a colony of the US.

In 1956 when modern revisionism reared its ugly head in the international communist movement a factional clique planned to overthrow the supreme leadership of the DPRK and declare Korea a pro-American “neutral state.”

The great leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG exposed and defeated these factionalists and went deep amongst the people and got their support.

The workers in the Kangson Steel Plant told Comrade KIM IL SUNG that if the factionalists were sent to them, they would throw them into the electric furnace, and a granny in Taesong Village told him; “Premier, after all, it’s we who will win,

and not the factionalist rogues, you see? Don't worry. We support you." These are expressions of the steely conviction and will of the entire people of the country. Through the struggle against factionalism the purity of the Party ranks was secured all the more, and the unity and cohesion of the Party and revolutionary ranks was made unbreakable.

The counter-revolutionary modern factionalists tried to overthrow to destroy the DPRK from within and restore capitalism. Their exposure, defeat and purge was most timely.

The respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN has struck a telling blow at them. This shows the great intelligence and foresight of the respected Marshal KIM JONG UN who is following in the footsteps of the great leader Generalissimos KIM IL SUNG and KIM JONG IL.

Other socialist countries were not as lucky as the DPRK.

Although the former USSR had upheld the banner of proletarian revolution under Lenin and Stalin, under Khrushchev the USSR fell victim to modern revisionism and collaborated with US imperialism. The former USSR abandoned revolutionary principles in the 1950s and 1960s. It liquidated the dictatorship of the proletariat and proclaimed itself a state of the whole people, basically giving up the class struggle against the enemies of the socialism.

The DPRK under the leadership of the great leader President KIM IL SUNG maintained revolutionary principles and opposed modern revisionism. President KIM IL SUNG in his 1967 essay

"On the Questions of the Period of Transition from Capitalism to Socialism and the Dictatorship of the Proletariat" fully stressed the need for the dictatorship of the proletariat and opposed the idea of the vague and woolly "state of the whole people".

In the former Soviet Union Khrushchev slandered Stalin, abandoned the dictatorship of the proletariat and compromised with US imperialism. Socialism was crippled in the former USSR, later it was finally destroyed from within by traitors like Gorbachev and Yeltsin. The same thing happened in a number of other countries.

The former USSR joined hands with US imperialism under pleas of "peaceful co-existence" and "peaceful co-operation." Pepsi Cola the US imperialist multi-national even had factories in the former USSR. The former USSR and East European socialist countries were flooded with American bourgeois culture. Visiting Hungary in 1988 and 1989 I found that the people were into the most rubbishy aspects of bourgeois imperialist pop culture such as Madonna.

The DPRK on the other raised high the revolutionary banner of anti-US, anti-imperialist struggle and to this very date is the most anti-American country in the world. The DPRK however puts up the Mosquito Net and combats the infiltration of imperialist bourgeois ideology and culture.

However, had these countries being ideologically strong like the DPRK and had leaders like the great leader President KIM IL SUNG, the great leader Comrade KIM JONG IL and

respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN, then traitors like Gorbachev would have been exposed and destroyed, so there would have no frustration of socialism in 1989-1991 and there would have been 1 billion strong socialist camp standing in confrontation with imperialism.

Indeed militant communists and true socialists are saying with a sigh, "if only the USSR had been like the DPRK and Gorbachev had been purged."

The exposure and defeat of the counter-revolutionary traitor Jang Song Thaek was a bold and decisive revolutionary measure taken by the respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN. It is a great revolutionary victory that gives hope to the people of the world who aspire after socialism.

The most dangerous enemy that a party and state can face is the enemy within, the hidden unseen enemy that works, hand in glove with the imperialists and class enemies, behind the scenes to frustrate and destroy socialism.

The DPRK knows this lesson well but in other countries it was ignored. The DPRK under the Songun-based revolutionary leadership of respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN is strong enough to defeat the enemy within.

Some bourgeois so-called experts are prattling about "perestroika in reverse," let these idiots prattle because "perestroika" was a complete disaster than destroyed socialism, a "reverse perestroika" will strengthen it. Cleansing the party and society of the counter-revolutionary factionalist gang will speed up

socialist construction and strengthen the country.

The great leader President KIM IL SUNG said.

"All these traitors ended their days in misery. But did those revolutions get frustrated or retreat because of their betrayals? Each time the turncoats were removed, the revolution developed and surged up with fresh vitality. After the removal of Trotsky, how remarkably socialist construction was promoted in the Soviet Union! Trotsky thought that without him, everything Stalin did would fail, and the Soviet state would go to ruin. But the Soviet people built their country up to be the leading socialist power in the world, as well as a global power. After Zhang Guotao deserted the CPC and became a Kuo-mintang parasite, the Chinese revolution did not wane; on the contrary it continued its upward spiral and achieved nation-wide victory.

Though Rim Su San, after defecting to the enemy, divulged the secrets of our Headquarters and did us harm as a guide for the enemy 'punitive' forces, the KPRA became neither weakened nor disrupted. Our ranks united more solidly and our revolution, preserving its own purity, made a strong dash towards its ultimate victory.

Traitors to the revolution also appeared during socialist construction in our country after the war. Choe Chang Ik, Yun Kong Hum, Ri Phil Gyu and others attempted to place obstacles in the way of our people's forward movement. Having failed to realize their factional scheme, they chose to betray the Party and their motherland. As they dropped away, our revolution made a

fresh upsurge and ushered in the era of Chollima. Since then the world has called our country Chollima Korea."

After the liquidation of the anti-Party counter-revolutionary factionalist clique in the DPRK socialist construction surged ahead an incredible speed; all kinds of new buildings sprang up and new streets were constructed.

The DPRK fully practises the Chongsan-ri method and Chongsan-ri spirit worked out by the great leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG and fully embraced by the great leader Comrade KIM JONG IL.

President KIM IL SUNG said.

"The basic requirement of Chongsan-ri spirit is to thoroughly defend the interests of the popular masses, rally the entire people around the Party and convert all the works into that of popular masses themselves. The main of Chongsan-ri method is that superiors help their subordinates, go out to the spot to grasp the actual conditions and find correct ways to solve the problems, give priority to the work with the people and fully mobilize the people's revolutionary enthusiasm and creativity to carry out their assignment."

The Chongsan-ri method and Chongsan-ri spirit is a strong antidote to bureaucracy.

Respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN himself declared war on bureaucracy at the 7th Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea in May 2016 saying that; *"At present abuses of power, bureaucratism and corruption are the*

‘principal enemy’ that must not be tolerated in applying the people-first principle in Party work.”

The DPRK and the Workers' Party of Korea long ago developed a popular style of work , the famous Chongsan-ri method of work in which the superior always assists those below him and always mixes with the masses. Visiting the DPRK many times I have seen cadres and officials dressed in ordinary working people's clothes and they look indistinguishable from the working people. There are no country dachas for senior officials in the DPRK or big country estates.

The USSR was not only revisionist but was also bureaucratic. It became more and more bureaucratic as the years went on. Due to bureaucracy the country became inefficient and stagnant.

The DPRK, however, right from day one of its foundation has always opposed bureaucracy.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN said.

“It is only by waging an intense struggle against abuses of power, bureaucratism and corruption that our Party can preserve its intrinsic nature as the motherly party that takes good care of the people's destiny with a high sense of responsibility, and that it can staunchly champion and fulfil their demands and interests.”

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All cadres and officials are expected to do manual work.

Officials live in ordinary blocks of flats. There is no privilege allowed and no “elite” in the DPRK.

People in the world say that the DPRK’s invincible might is based on the single-hearted unity of the leader and the Party, the army and the people.

United we stand; divided, we fall in the revolutionary struggle. The unity is a life and soul of the revolution and guarantee for sure victory in the revolution.

Single-hearted unity is the unity and cohesion that the revolutionary ranks are firmly rallied with the leader as the only centre in idea and will, in morality and obligation. In other word, it is the ideological purity that broad masses are firmly rallied around the Party and the leader in one ideology and will with the People’s Army, the main force of the revolution as the core and example. It is also the combination united on the basis of revolutionary comradeship and fidelity.

Such single-hearted unity serves as a solid political foundation and powerful motive force of the Songun politics.

Political foundation is a base in which a certain mode of politics strikes its roots and a main source that guarantees its solidness. It remains unchanged in any adversity as it is a solid unity of the whole army and entire people rallied firmly around the Party and the leader.

In order to enforce the mode of politics in reality, there should be the political strength. In case it has no ability to put the mode of politics into reality, such mode of politics cannot come

into reality even though it puts forward most correct political goal. Single-hearted unity is not a simple mechanical combination of people or a sum of mathematics. It is the single-hearted unity that all members of society accept the leader's ideology and intention, the Party's lines and policies as the vital ones and share the same intention, will and aspiration, same destiny and future in the struggle for their realization.

Single-hearted unity arouses broad masses into one in the struggle for common political goal and ideal and dynamically stimulates Songun politics by giving full play to their revolutionary zeal and creative activity.

Today the DPRK dynamically advances the revolution and construction while destroying the imperialists' manoeuvres by dint of single-hearted unity of whole army and the entire people, the harmonious whole under the leadership of the WPK headed by respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN.

Hence, the world unanimously approves the source of DPRK's invincible might lies in the single-hearted unity of the leader and the Party, the army and the people.

In general, the people consider nuclear as the most powerful weapon in the world. However, they do not know that there exists more powerful one than nuclear surpassing its physical power.

The DPRK's single-hearted unity that the whole army and entire people are closely rallied behind the leader in idea and will, morality and obligation is the weapon that is more powerful than nukes.

The invincible harmonious whole is an invisible secret weapon that is possessed and can be possessed only by the DPRK.

SECTION FOUR

PEOPLE-CENTRED SOCIALIST COUNTRY

Leader KIM JONG IL said.

“The essential superiority of socialism lies in the fact that the popular masses are the masters of everything.”

The DPRK is a socialist state where the people are the masters of everything. What position the people hold in society is an important index characterizing the superiority of a relevant society. That the people are masters of everything means they, as masters of state and society, solve everything with their own efforts in conformity with their interests.

First of all, the popular masses are considered as the masters of politics in the DPRK.

The people can lead all social lives only when they become the masters of politics. It is because that politics is a field of decisive significance in social life.

There exist different forms and types of political powers in society. Political power is a special form of power originated through history in society which is divided into classes, that is, the society where there is private ownership and exploitation of class by class exists. In this case, the social power which first represents

the interests of whole society stands for, protects and reflects the interests of the economically ruling class, forces them upon whole society as the indispensable and general interests. As a result, the social power assumes narrow individual and class character. Marx said that production relations are not one individual's relations with another individual but "the relations between worker and capitalist, serf and landowner."

Domination of class by class, exploitation of class by class and oppression of class by class are liquidated when capitalist system is overthrown and socialist system is established. Socialist state is a society where domination and subjugation of class by class is liquidated and all members of society become socialist working people.

In the DPRK, the people lead all social lives as the masters of state power. State politics in this country is enforced thoroughly in accordance with the will and demand of the people, the masters of politics. The state maps out all policies and implements them in conformity with the people's will and demand.

The people in the DPRK not only hold the position of master in the state politics but also participate in the political life through the Party and other political organizations as such.

In general, a political party is an organization of people who are united on the basis of commonness in ideal. Hence, parties reflect interests and demands of a certain class or stratum, make struggle for their realization and consider it as their ultimate goal to hold state power. In this sense, political party was considered as

a mechanism whose mission is to hold the “weapon of proletariat dictatorship(Lenin),” that is, the political power. State power is a mechanism which dominates and rules people and political party is a core of the mechanism.

Revolutionary party assumes the mission of leading the popular masses till the complete victory of the revolution and through generations if necessary. The WPK has the mission of leading the Korean revolution to victory, pioneered by President KIM IL SUNG and led victoriously by the President and Chairman KIM JONG IL. Only then, can the Korean people’s happy life be ensured.

Having respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN on the highest post of the Party and the state can be explained in this regard. That the Korean people held respected KIM JONG UN on the highest post of the Party and the state is a confident and proud declaration to the world that a guarantee for accomplishing through generations the Korean revolution pioneered by the President and led by the President and the Chairman, safeguarding the revolutionary gains, cementing the might of the DPRK, achieving the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea and bringing prosperity to the Korean nation has been provided.

Usually, political system of society includes public organizations and labour collectives except political parties and state, and they also perform political functions. In socialist society, roles of public organizations and working people’s collectives are enhanced in educating the masses in politics, improving their

political activity and controlling affairs of the state and society. Their function of persuasion and education, function of controlling social affairs and overall political relation system is strengthened. And their significance as the means linking the party and state with the masses, as the propagators exercising influence of the party and state upon broad working masses is stressed.

Such components in political system include different groups of working people in general and are based on different methods and means in exercising influence upon the political functions. The popular masses' will and demand are integrated through political organizations and they are reflected in politics of the party and state.

Following are the public organizations in the DPRK. The General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea founded on November 30, 1945, the Socialist Women's Union of Korea founded on November 18, 1945, the Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Youth League founded on January 17, 1946 and Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea founded on March 25, 1965. Activities of the political organizations in the DPRK are subordinated to defending and realizing thoroughly the popular masses' will, aspiration and interest.

In the DPRK, other political parties and public organizations exist and make activities. Besides the ruling WPK, there are the Korean Social Democratic Party founded on November 3, 1945 and the Chondoist Chongu(Heavenly Way) Party founded on February 8, 1946. Both Parties approve the leadership role of the

WPK, support its politics and make active cooperation with it.

Next, the DPRK considers the popular masses as the masters of productive means, all social wealth and economic management. Becoming the masters of productive means is very important in becoming the masters of social wealth and economic management. Property relations of productive means define man's position and role in economic life. Man possessed of productive means has the rights to economic management and product disposal.

In the DPRK, the people have the right to develop, manage and operate the economy in accordance with their interests as the masters of means of production and lead independent and creative life while enjoying material wealth created by them.

The DPRK is a socialist state based firmly on the socialist ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange. State ownership means ownership by the entire people and there is no limitation in the object of state ownership. All natural resources, main factories and enterprises, harbours, banks, transportation means and communication organizations are only owned by the state.

The ownership of cooperative organizations is the collective ownership of the working people in the cooperative economy. The cooperative organizations can own land, drought animals, farming tools, fishing boats, buildings, main factories and enterprises.

State ownership was realized through the nationalization of key industries and expanded rapidly with the development of state-run industry. Ownership by cooperative organizations was

realized through socialist reforms on production relations strengthened and developed fast according to the development of agriculture. By 1958 the complete socialisation of industry, trade and agriculture of the country was completed so that an advanced socialist system came into being.

The DPRK was actually one of the few socialist countries to have completed 100% socialisation.

The East European socialist countries all had private sectors(usually between 10% and 20% of the economy), in fact in Poland and Yugoslavia most of the agriculture was in private hands. In the former USSR in 1982 private plots accounted for 14% of arable land but produced 61% of potatoes, 54 % of fruit, 34% of eggs and 29% of meat--basically de facto privatisation of agriculture. In recent years some of other existing socialist countries have introduced private sectors into their economies, which causes apprehension amongst the supporters of socialism in the world.

The DPRK's economy is a planned economy and an independent economy.

There is no monopoly or finance capital (big business and big banks) in the DPRK. Fascism and Nazi-ism were actual creations of big business, bankers and big landlords. Not only did the capitalist class in Germany give money to the Nazis but international monopoly capital bankrolled the Nazis for example the US Chase Manhattan Bank funded the Nazis. It is a plain fact that there would have been no death camps in Nazi Germany if the

big capitalist monopolies such as IG Farben not constructed them nor if the banks had lent money to construct them.

Monopoly capital and private businesses do not exist in the DPRK which is a socialist country where the people own the resources. There is no class or social group in the DPRK that can benefit from fascism.

The DPRK is the society where everything serves the people, the masters of society. That everything serves the people means all activities of the Party and the state are subordinated to providing the people with genuine freedom and rights, affluent and cultured life.

The DPRK, first of all, provides the people with genuine freedom and rights.

It is an important issue in realizing man's essential demands as a social being to substantially provide genuine freedom and rights.

Independent right is life and soul of man, a social being. Man's independent and creative life is inconceivable without independent right. Man can hold position as master in society, play role as such and lead a life worthy of man. Man is as same as the dead as a social being in case he fails to have independent life even though he is alive.

Genuine freedom and rights of the people are not ensured in any society. Only in socialist society where all sorts of privileged domination over man are liquidated, genuine freedom and rights can be provided under the guidance and care of the party and the

state.

In the DPRK, all activities of the Party and the state are obedient to providing genuine freedom and rights to the people. The DPRK regards it as an invariable principle to formulate the lines and policies reflecting the people's independent aspiration, demand and will, and carry them out in accordance with their interest. And state fully provides all members in society with legal and social conditions, so that they can participate freely in the state administration and socio-political life and lead political and organizational life.

In the West, they use concept "totalitarianism" when they talk about the DPRK's socialism. "Totalitarianism" derived from Late Latin—totalitas means integrity and wholeness, totalis means whole, complete and full.

By nature totalitarianism served as a political idea of fascist dictators. Notorious Hitler in Germany and Mussolini in Italy used totalitarianism as an ideological tool to justify their fascist dictatorship.

The fascist dictators stamped out even the elementary democratic freedom and rights of the masses of the working people and enforced unprecedentedly tyrannical policies, behind the misleading signboard of "national socialism," claiming that for the sake of the whole nation and state no working-class movement and no class struggle should be permitted. Reactionary nature of totalitarianism is to sacrifice the interests of the working people for the sake of the rapacious interests of reactionary ruling class

under the presence that the individual should be subordinated to the whole. Whole in totalitarianism is not the whole popular masses but a minority of privileged circles such as monopoly capitalists, big landlords, reactionary bureaucrats and warlords.

Criticizing as “totalitarianism” the socialism where the popular masses are the masters of everything is a preposterous sophism which regards the most progressive idea that reflects the masses’ demands as the reactionary one of fascist rulers.

Notwithstanding this the politically illiterate scribes of imperialism, those overpaid vegetated hack writers persist in calling the DPRK the fascist and sadly this nonsense misconception is all over the internet, polluting people's minds with lies and misinformation.

Let’s examine the truth. What is fascism? It is something that is itself is often loosely defined. Some used to say Maggie Thatcher was a fascist. Most dictionary definitions define fascism as authoritarian, right wing and anti-communist.

Well on this definition the DPRK falls outside the definition as it is ruled by the Workers' Party of Korea, a communist party. Socialist culture is not suppressed but flourishes in the DPRK.

A better, more exact and tighter definition of fascism was given by Georgi Dimitrov, a great anti-fascist who defied Hitler’s courts who was the head of the COMINTERN and first prime minister of the Bulgarian People's Republic. Dimtrov said *“Fascism is an open terrorist dictatorship of the most reactionary, the most chauvinistic and the most imperialistic elements of the*

financial capital... Fascism is neither the government beyond classes nor the government of the petty bourgeois or the lumpenproletariat over the financial capital. Fascism is the government of the financial capital itself. It is an organized massacre of the working class and the revolutionary slice of peasantry and intelligentsia. Fascism in its foreign policy is the most brutal kind of chauvinism, which cultivates zoological hatred against other people.”

Fascism in some countries has been associated with extreme expansionism and grabbing others countries' territories. Hitler used to talk about living space.

However the DPRK has never tried to seize parts of China or Japan. The DPRK strongly respects the sovereignty of other countries and does not try to invade other people and countries.

In today's world the most expansionist country is the United States which has military bases in hundreds of countries. So some people have looked in the wrong place to find fascism, it is not the DPRK but the US that is fascist!

People who want to find fascism on the Korean peninsula should look no further than south Korea which is ruled by a descendant of a collaborator with fascist Japan. In south Korea communists are suppressed, the National Security Law imposes jail sentences of 7 years for being a communist or even simply praising the DPRK or having any contact with it. The trade unions are also being repressed with the chairman of the south Korean trades recently being jailed. South Korea is the typical fascist state

of the 21st century. It is the US itself that is the biggest exporter of fascism that has spawned the fascist regimes of south Korea, Chile, the Brazilian military government of the 1960s and 1970s, the Greek colonels and the neo-Nazi Ukrainian regime of today.

The bourgeois establishment anti-DPRK lie machine is merciless and unrelenting. Alongside recycled stories about people being executed by “anti-aircraft guns” and the usual rubbish about “famine” and “starvation” there are more insidious myths being peddled. Some of these are aimed at the so-called “chattering classes,” people who listen to Radio 4 and read the “Guardian.” One of these is that the DPRK is “fascist.” Of course those of us who had been involved with the DPRK and Juche for years find the very idea patently ridiculous and pretty silly,

The idea that the DPRK is somehow fascist is another myth that has been created in the boardroom of a corporate PR company or deep inside the labyrinth of the CIA. This is a myth that needs to be smashed and exposed and progressive people should support the DPRK in its struggle against fascist south Korea and fascist Yankee imperialism.

The popular masses in the DPRK are provided with affluent and cultured life.

The DPRK considers it as the supreme principle of state activities to promote well-being of the people and applies thoroughly in state activities the slogan “***We Serve the People!***” The DPRK never tolerates bureaucracy and misuse of power and never allows any one to infringe on the people’s interests or lord

them over.

The DPRK is responsible for conditions needed for the people's food, clothing and housing. The DPRK provides all working people with the right to labour and the working conditions so as to make them participate in creative labour for the sake of society and themselves according to their ability and talent and with stable jobs. The DPRK formulates and implements policies to make the people distributed according to their work done. Under the care of the state, all people lead happy life through the popular policies at the state and social expense such as the social security system, social insurance programs and recuperation and relaxation systems.

An 8-hour working system is being enforced in the DPRK where everything serves the popular masses. Women with over 3 children work 6 hours a day.

There is no tax in the DPRK.

The DPRK has full employment, people are guaranteed the right to work by the Constitution and this is underpinned by socialist planning and the independent national economy. Taxation was abolished back in 1974 and the agricultural tax in kind was abolished in the period 1964-1966. Housing is supplied virtually free of charge. The Pyongyang Metro is one of the cheapest in the world with a flat rate fare of about 2p(compare this to £4 minimum fare on the London underground.)

Some countries in the world like to boast about having a highly developed economy and having material prosperity. Of

course it is true the imperialist countries have high GDP and GNP statistics. Such countries became rich through colonial plunder and exploitation as well as the exploitation of their own working class. However, what matters is whether the economy serves the people or not.

As a matter of fact the rich imperialist countries of the West do not serve the people far from it. These countries are plagued by unemployment, homelessness and poverty. Here is one media story from the UK Daily Mirror of the 11th of August 2016. “Nearly 400 Brits died from malnutrition or hunger last year, shock new figures have shown. Figures from the Office of National Statistics show that 391 people died from malnutrition in 2015--a leap of 27% compared with nine years earlier. The statistics also show two Brits are admitted to hospital with the condition every day in what campaigners have called a ‘national scandal’.

There were 746 admissions for malnutrition in just 12 months, according to the official Government figures.”

Since 2010 some poor people in the UK have to rely on “Foodbanks” for food. The Trussell Trust, a UK charity estimates the actual number as being 554 000. This is a situation that in the 1960s and 1970s would have been regarded as impossible. Many believed that then that extreme poverty was something in the history books but it has come back to the UK with a vengeance. Homeless is also big problem in the UK.

The housing situation of the capitalist countries is indeed

very dire. A flat on the riverside in central London costs £12 000 per month to rent or up to £1 million to buy. Even in the run down and poor Woolwich Dockyard area (where I live) a flat costs £200 000 to buy or £500 to £1 000 a month to rent. In the UK many people cannot afford to pay the rent and are evicted by greedy and cruel landlords, in 2015 11 000 families were evicted in the UK. The housing charity 'Shelter' estimates that in the UK over 250 000 people are homeless with 1 out of every 51 London residents are homeless. Some 15 000 young people sleep rough on the streets of London.

It is not unusual to see the homeless sleeping in sleeping bags in shop doorways in London. Visiting other English cities such as Liverpool, Southampton and Winchester I saw people sleeping in shop doorways. Across the water in dear old Ireland I also saw people camped in the streets or sleeping in shop doorways in Dublin City.

All the capitalist countries of the West such as the UK, Ireland, Greece, Portugal, etc. have all adopted anti-people 'austerity' policies to drive down the living standards of the people, cutting back public services and increasing taxes.

It is a well-known fact that in the capitalist countries such as the US and UK the top 1 per cent of the population control all the wealth and property whereas the 99 per cent receive very little.

In the DPRK all the economic resources such as factories, land, mines, banks, etc. are owned by the people, not by capitalists. There is no foreign-owned bank in the DPRK to suck the blood of

the people. Some reactionary commentators speak of the “marketization “of the DPRK but this is not true the DPRK operates through a planned socialist economy. On the 5th of September 2016 national conference of economic planning workers of the DPRK was held in Pyongyang.

Respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN published a treatise titled ***“Improving and Strengthening the Planning Is Urgent Requirement for Building Socialist Economic Giant”*** which was read out to the conference.

The fact that the DPRK held such a conference and that respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN sent a thesis to the conference shows that the DPRK is not abandoning socialist planning as propagandised by some so-called “Korea experts” of the imperialist media and the bourgeois academic establishment. Moreover recently the DPRK State Pricing Institution that controls prices in the DPRK celebrated its 70th anniversary.

False rumours have been also been spread saying that stalls in the street and ice cream vendors were a sign of the restoration of capitalism. However such stalls are socially owned rather than privately owned.

In the DPRK the price of food is very low, almost free. As for the price of products, price of the basic consumer goods is low and the price of special needs for children and students is lower than the others.

Modern dwelling houses in such new modern streets as the Changjon Street, the Unha Scientists Street, Wisong Scientists

Residential District and Mirae Scientists Street built at the huge state investment have been provided to the ordinary people like intellectuals and workers free of charge.

The universal 12-year compulsory free education system and the complete free medical care services are being enforced in the DPRK and the state looks after the people with disabilities so as to make them lead convenient life. The state takes responsibility for the provision of everything including food and clothes to the children in baby homes and orphanages, and the aged in old people's home.

After liberation from the Japanese imperialist colonial rule, Korea was short of cadres almost in all fields of social life. There was no university or college and Korea has few intellectuals.

In the DPRK education at all levels is free started from kindergarten right up to university level. DPRK university students are not burdened with heavy debts, their accommodation and clothing is supplied free of charge. Education has good quality facilities. This can be witnessed at the KIM IL SUNG University, Kim Chaek University of Technology and Changgwang Kindergarten, which I visited in 1996 and 2008. A new state of the art e-library has been opened at the Kim Chaek University of Technology built entirely with DPRK funds and resources. Children at the Changgwang Kindergarten receive 5 meals a day. Each child gets 120g of rice per day a far cry from the alleged starvation that the imperialists press claims takes place!

The DPRK attaches primary significance to the education,

cultivation and comprehensive development of younger generations. It is natural that calling the children, the only “privileged class,” the king of country has become everyday language.

The DPRK put forward the universal higher education that cannot be raised in the richest capitalist countries, or the making the all people well-versed in science and technology as the immediate undertaking and strives to do so. In recent years, the people in the DPRK direct special efforts in increasing their level of scientific and technical knowledge.

Visiting the DPRK from the 6th of September to the 13th of September 2016 I could see very clearly that the DPRK, Juche Korea is pursuing the people-oriented policy. This is not a mere slogan but the reality of Juche Korea.

It has always been the consistent and unbending policy of the government of the DPRK and the Workers’ Party of Korea to improve the living standards of the people.

Respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN said at the 7th Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

“It is important to apply the people-first principle thoroughly in all aspects of Party work.

Applying the people-first principle is the intrinsic demand of our Party, which is struggling for the sake of the masses of the people and conducting its activities by relying on them.

All the work and activities of the Party should be conducted with the masses of the people at the centre. The climate of

believing in the strength of the people and depending on them should pervade the whole Party, and the main thrust of Party work should be directed at promoting the people's well-being.”

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN does not believe in inefficiency, incompetence and backsliding under socialism. He believes that the interests of the people should come first and that officials must always work for the people.

“Inefficient” and “incompetent” socialism is actually a very dangerous phenomenon. In the past revisionist-led socialist countries such as the Soviet Union and the eastern European socialist countries became associated with bureaucracy, although the people of these countries enjoyed advantages such as full employment there were some shortcomings in people's lives. These were exaggerated and used by the enemies of socialism.

Here in the UK there never was socialism however the social democratic policies of post-war Labour governments were often described as "socialist" or “socialism” by the Tories and even by some on the Left. The “reforms” of the Labour governments became quickly associated with inefficiency and incompetence (queues for hospital treatment, poor quality education with working class children just given colouring pencils and not educated, bureaucrats at dole offices and long waits for council housing).

To respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN socialism is about improving people's living standards, it has to be people-orientated.

The present reality of Juche Korea demonstrates that peopleorientated policies are a reality and not a slogan. The DPRK is truly striving under the guidance of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN to implement people-orientated policies.

I witnessed that the Juche Korea led by respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN pursues thoroughgoing popular policies.

Along with the other delegates to the International Seminar on the Juche for Anti-Imperialism, Independence and Solidarity I visited the Pyongyang Orphans School on the outskirts of Pyongyang on Wednesday 7th of September 2016.

This school has been recently constructed under the leadership of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN, a true people's leader. It was truly amazing. As our bus drove into the school a huge football pitch came into view. In the UK now many schools no longer have football pitches or sports grounds because these had been sold off to property developers.

The school was very clean and free from vandalism and graffiti unlike English schools. The school is a three-storeyed building with 21 classrooms. There were up-to-date laboratories and all kinds of facilities. There is an anti-imperialist class education room to teach the pupils about the nature of capitalism and imperialism. Of course, anti-imperialist education is indispensable in socialist society in order to prevent ideological and cultural infiltration by imperialism and bourgeois corruption. The school had its own large-size indoor swimming pool.

In the UK such a thing would only exist in a private school where the fees can be easily up to £36 000! There was also a multi-use sports hall which could be used for all kinds of different sports. The dining room was truly palatial more like the dining room of a hotel or restaurant than a school. We also saw the kitchen which was clean and hygienic. It was also well stocked with food proving that the stories about “famine,” “starvation” and “food shortage” in the DPRK are false.

In the UK and other capitalist countries there are Children's Homes and Orphanages but these are dark fearful places where the children are abused in all kinds of ways both physical and sexual abuse. Children's homes in the UK are notorious for paedophile scandals such as the Kincora Boys Home case in Northern Ireland and the Elm Guest House child abuse scandal. In the UK orphans are treated like outcasts and orphans often becoming unemployed and homeless when they grew up.

However in Juche Korea led by respected Marshal KIM JONG UN they have been given the best school.

The reactionary imperialist media likes to talk about the “elite” in People's Korea but there is no such thing, the only elite in the DPRK if there is one is the orphans who have this wonderful school that is equal to elite private schools in the UK that are attended members of the Royal Family, the aristocracy and the bourgeoisie!

Juche Korea is carrying out massive housing construction for the people. Houses are built at state expense and given free of

charge to the people. This is a dream to Londoners. Flats in central London can be anything up to a £1 million to buy plus service charges and ground rent or £600 per week (£31 000 per year) to rent. I was able to see the construction site of Ryomyong Street with 70 storey high building which looked very futuristic.

In September 2016, several Cities and Counties suffered from huge natural disasters in a strong wind and a heavy rain in the shore of the River Tuman in the northern region of Korea, that were unprecedented in meteorological observation after liberation.

To cope with the prevailing emergency, respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN switched the direction of the main attack of the 200-day campaign to the rehabilitation of northern flood-hit area, dispatched the main units in the major theatre including the construction of Ryomyong Street to the rehabilitation campaign in the northern area and took important measure to exert all efforts of the whole Party, all army and the people.

During the period of my visit the Central Committee of the Workers' Party took the decision to postpone the completion of Ryomyong Street in order to prioritise the recovery from flood damage in the northern region of the country. This was a wise decision as well as a true manifestation of the people-orientated policies of the great Workers' Party of Korea and respected Marshal KIM JONG UN.

Such important decision can be made only by the WPK that advances holding aloft a slogan *“Let the entire Party make*

selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the great people!”

True to the Party's call, the entire people across the country turned out to unfold a general charge turning the damaged area into the fairyland in the era of Workers' Party.

As a result, unprecedented rehabilitation miracle in which dwelling houses for over 11 900 households and over 100 structures like nurseries, kindergartens, schools, hospitals and clinics were newly built was created to undergone another tremendous changes in the northern end of the DPRK.

Another fine example of the people-orientated policy was the newly reconstructed Pyongyang Central Zoo. I had visited this in the 1993 and in 2012 but this time it was far bigger. It had an entrance in the shape of a tiger's mouth. The Zoo has all the latest facilities including a nature museum and a "Sea World" type centre where you can see fish swimming about. Really amazing. It also equipped with electric cars to ferry people around the Zoo as it is quite large. Ticket for the Zoo is very cheap whereas in London an adult ticket for the Zoo is £25.45p rising 5.45p rising to £28.10 for a ticket including a donation and £32 for a "fast track ticket," for an old age pensioner the price is £22 and £18 for a child. Basically working class people in the UK are excluded from culture and recreation, whereas in People's Korea of Juche culture is accessible to all.

Pyongyang boasts of many theatres such as the Pyongyang Grand Theatre, East Pyongyang Grand Theatre, and the People's Theatre in Changjon Street, the Moranbong Theatre and the

Ponghwa Art Theatre. Probably Pyongyang has more theatre seats per capita than London. I was able to enjoy a splendid art performance in the Ponghwa Art Theatre on September 9th, the DPRK's Foundation Day. The performance was splendid, it showed the superiority of Juche-based culture. I watched a circus performance which was enjoyable as well which was of high quality.

In Juche Korea people are able to pursue all kinds of cultural and recreational pursuits as well as to socialise properly. However the reality of the UK is that many people just stay alone in their homes either watching the TV or using the internet. People in the UK lead miserable lives as they are afflicted by poverty, depression, drug addiction, alcoholism, loneliness and family breakdown.

The capitalist media like to portray the DPRK in a very negative light and twist all kinds of things. The reality is the capitalist societies such as the UK and US that are dark societies full of misery.

The DPRK public health system is a self-reliant peoplecentred socialist health care system. The DPRK public health service does not rely on low wage labour from outside the country, unlike the NHS! There is no hidden fees or costs either in the DPRK hospitals(such as parking charges, fees for single rooms, TV charges, etc.--all of which exist in the UK) It includes the section doctor system whereby doctors actually give check ups to patients in their own homes and make rounds of localities.

Juche Korea pulsates with a strong national culture that is national in form and socialist in content. In recent years under the guidance of respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN the DPRK has produced innovations in culture by forming musical companies such as the “Moranbong Band” who is known for their musical excellence and beauty.

Thanks to the wise leadership of respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN who continues the long march of patriotism and devotion to factories and co-op farms regarding the Juche Idea, great Songun politics and *“People are My God”* as his lifelong maxim, Juche Korea is sprucing up itself as a model country of politics and a paradise in the 21st century.

Some say we should be modest about the DPRK achievements and its people-centred socialist system, or indeed focus on problems rather than promote the achievements of the DPRK. There are those who deny the great achievements of Juche-based socialism.

Some Western experts want the DPRK to become a dependency of US and world imperialism, part of a “globalised” world, this is what opening up would mean. The DPRK's solid independence is probably one of its greatest achievements.

The DPRK does not have foreign troops stationed on its territory. It is not a member of the IMF or World Bank or APEC.

The DPRK declined to join the old socialist bloc CMEA grouping and did not join the Warsaw Pact. The DPRK defied not only the US and NATO but also Russia and China in carrying the 2

nuclear tests and also missile tests. The DPRK's no nonsense independent spirited approach is worthy of support and admiration. Juche-based socialism in the DPRK has achieved great miracles in all fields. The DPRK built socialism not in easy conditions but on the debris of war and in a divided country and under constant threat and pressure from US imperialism and its allies. The DPRK was quick to heal the war damage and then industrialise rapidly.

The DPRK does not need to “reform” or “open up” as suggested by some so-called experts and politicians in the West.

Great Comrade KIM JONG IL said in his work *“The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea is a Juche-Orientated State with Invincible Might.”*

“The imperialist reactionaries are now slandering our Republic, the motherland of Juche, claiming that it is ‘closed’ and ‘isolated,’ and are making futile attempts to lead us to ‘reform’ and ‘openness.’

Our country has never closed its doors, and it maintains good relations with many countries, home to billions of people, around the world, based on mutual respect. As for reform, we reformed the outdated social system in a revolutionary fashion decades ago, and have been constantly creating the new and renovating what is old and backward. In actual fact, the imperialists and reactionaries are hostile towards our country and are blockading it and trying to isolate it.

The ‘reform’ and ‘openness’ they are advocating represent a move to destroy and put down our style of socialism. Such

moves will only worsen their relations with us and are doomed to failure.”

The DPRK's achievements are indeed vast and great. With each day Juche-based socialism shows its superiority over the sick, decadent corrupt West.

Loss of the great leader Comrade KIM JONG IL was a sad and painful event for the Korean people. However, they demonstrated the unity, discipline and order of Songun Korea in the period of funeral service. It was a demonstration of egalitarian nature and oneness of DPRK society.

When the former Conservative prime minister Thatcher died in the UK, the rich and those elements in society mourned her and cried but the poor and oppressed celebrated it with street parties.

The DPRK is a most stable and harmonious society without social conflict or class contradictions. The DPRK is one of the most stable countries on earth, in fact probably the most stable country in the world. Young people there do not riot but instead act as the shock brigade in socialist construction and take part with vigour in the defence of the country.

The DPRK is based on the socialist ownership of the state power and the means of production so there is no social inequality. There are no social contradictions and no racial discrimination. In the DPRK there is no unemployment, there are no spending cuts.

In the DPRK people can walk the streets safely at night and leave their doors unlocked. In the UK such a thing is impossible. Here criminal gangs threaten the safety of the people and drug

addicts openly take drugs on the street.

The DPRK is a highly moral society that does not have drug addiction nor does it have pornography or the so-called “sex industry” that the capitalist countries have which distorts human values and blights lives. There is no prostitution in the DPRK. It was made illegal by the 1946 Sexual Equality Law. In the UK and other so-called advanced capitalist countries every kind of vice and degeneracy is promoted by the ruling class under the banner of “freedom” and “individuality.” In capitalist societies money can buy almost anything.

In the DPRK it is safe for small children and women to walk the streets at night, however in London it is impossible for children to go out on their own at night and indeed most parents are reluctant to even send children out on their own during the day. I myself visiting the DPRK several times have seen small children travelling by themselves on the Metro or walking on the street, this is unimaginable in the UK. Thanks to bourgeois sexual liberalism there is now a huge paedophile problem in the UK and other countries of the West. In the UK and other capitalist countries there are numerous cases of mental illness. Many people in capitalist countries are addicted to anti-depressant drugs.

The DPRK is a total contrast to these gloomy societies. On several visits I have witnessed a thriving and vibrant atmosphere like nothing I have seen in Britain. Indeed the streets of Pyongyang at night seemed very animated and full of life, there were even students walking around reading books. Korean people

take study very seriously. When I got back to the UK I reflected on the contrast between the two cities. At night the streets of London are full of drunks staggering about or street gangs in hoods and caps menacing people.

In the UK the divorce rate is very high, the latest statistics show the divorce rate to be 47%. Normal family life has almost collapsed in the UK and other capitalist countries. In the DPRK the family is regarded as the basic unit of society and protected by law.

Even right-wing anti-socialist philosophers such as Oswald Spengler admitted that the West was on the path of decline and eventual eclipse. The West will indeed be eclipsed by the new socialist civilisation of Juche Korea.

There is no stagnation in the DPRK like there was in the late 1970s and 1980s in the former USSR. The DPRK's rate of economic growth hit 40% in one year in the 1950s, this was known as the Chollima Era (Chollima being a legendary winged horse that could cover 250 miles at a gallop) now that DPRK is in the era of Mallima, a winged horse that can cover 2 500 miles at a gallop!

A powerful socialist country being built by the people in the DPRK means a paradise of the people, one with great national strength that is ever-prospering and whose people are living happily without envying anything in the world.

Building of a powerful socialist country is the difficult and huge undertaking that has to destroy the challenges and

obstructive manoeuvres of hostile forces and overcome all the difficulties and trials encountered. As referred before, no one is willing to help the Korean people and see Korea reunified, powerful, well-off and flourishing.

It is only the inexhaustible creative power of the entire people firmly united around the Party and the leader that the Korean people can believe in.

The DPRK is not a copy of the Soviet Union or China nor it is dependent on anyone nor a gift bestowed on the Korean people by a benefactor.

It is a Korean style socialist system centred on the popular masses. In the DPRK people are free from the evils of capitalist society such as exploitation, oppression, drugs, violence, etc. Thanks to the Juche idea, independence and creativity are blooming. It is the system chosen by the Korean people themselves.

This is the legacy bequeathed by the great leader Comrade KIM JONG IL which no-one should slander or disparage.

SECTION FIVE THE COUNTRY THAT INSURES GENUINE HUMAN RIGHTS

Contrary to the assertion of imperialists, man's genuine rights can be ensured only in socialist society where the working people are the genuine masters of state and society.

The DPRK's socialist society is the most superior and advanced society where human dignity and value are considered as the most precious ones and human rights of the broad masses' is defended.

President KIM IL SUNG said.

“Human rights can be truly defended only in countries where the people are in power.”

The working people become the masters of society and their personality and rights are fully respected. It is because they are the masters of state power and means of production in the socialist society unlike in the capitalist society.

Socialism is combined with human rights. It is the socialist ideal that comprehensively integrates the popular masses' desire and aspiration to realize their independent rights and it is a socialist society that legally systematized the human rights.

The DPRK is a socialist state that has fully settled the human rights issue.

No country in the world but the DPRK provides the people with human rights legally and substantially.

There has constant stream of propaganda in the media as well as talk in the UN of referring the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the "International Criminal Court." The reactionary marionette of US imperialism Judge Kirby of Australia has again tried to stir up hatred and enmity towards the DPRK by demanding that the UN should "take action" against the DPRK. This is very clearly aimed at overturning the socialist system of the DPRK.

In October 2015 the DPRK Human Rights Association published a report refuting the allegations made by the US imperialists and other reactionaries. In its introduction it stated:

"The Government of the DPRK guided by the Juche idea is carrying out its responsibility and mission as a representative of people's independent rights, organizer of their creative abilities and activities, householder responsible for their living conditions and protector of their independent and creative life.

The social system of the DPRK which has embodied the Juche idea is a people-centred social system in which people are the masters of everything and everything serves them.

Its political system is popular as it makes people masters of state governing, serves them and bestows upon them priceless political integrity.

Its economic system ensures people an independent and creative working life, as well as affluent and civilized living standard. Its cultural system enables people to create and fully enjoy socialist culture.

All the lines and policies adopted and implemented in the DPRK, a people-centred social system are directly related to ensuring people's independent rights, with top priority given to their interests and convenience.

Under such social system, the Korean people enjoy a worthwhile and happy life without any social and political uncertainty, and beautiful traits of helping each other and sharing joys and sorrows under the slogan of ‘one for all and all for one’ are witnessed in various social life.”

I always realised right from the start that the so-called “human rights” offensive initiated against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was one based on falsehoods and fabrications. One could clearly see that it was a despicable scheme hatched by the US imperialists and their south Korean fascist puppets to discredit the people-centred socialist system of the DPRK and the great Juche Idea which is the independent ideology of the world's downtrodden and oppressed people. However the purpose of the US imperialists in bringing forward this hate campaign is even more insidious than that, it aims at overthrowing the socialist system of the DPRK and turning the northern half of Korea into a US neo-colony just like south Korea.

Recently Shin Dong Hyuk(Shin In Geun), one of the chief stars who makes it their business to criticize the DPRK confessed that his story was inaccurate or put it bluntly that he is a selfconfessed liar, a pathological liar. Watching the videos which show interviews with their neighbours, families and friends one

could see what liars they are and how the UN report on “Human Rights in the DPRK” is based on nothing but lies and fabrications. In fact the authors of the report did not set foot on the soil of the DPRK even once but took the word of liars and criminals.

Seeing the two videos about Shin Dong Hyuk on the Uriminjokkiri channel on YouTube I realised how we in the UK KFA and JISGE were totally correct to expose Shin or Scumbag Shin as we called.

We knew that it was total nonsense that someone could be born in a “labour camp.” The video revealed the truth about Shin, even the name he uses is a false one. Everything he said was a lie, he was educated at a kindergarten not in a labour cam. Shin was given every chance and opportunity by the socialist system of the DPRK and the benevolence of the supreme leadership. However he became a criminal and a layabout under the influence of his mother. She committed a murder and was executed. Shin himself was lazy and took to crime. He committed the grave crime of raping an underage girl but escaped and defected to south Korea in order to evade due punishment. The US imperialists and UN and some others are very hypocritical. All the time we hear they talk about the rights of women and the rights of children and yet hear they are not only shielding a child rapist from justice but even using his lies as the basis of a legal report. The attitude of the UN is sickening to say the least. What about the human rights of Shin's victim? Doesn't she have human rights? What about the

human rights of her mother and father, where is their right to seek redress for the vile crime committed against their daughter? As a parent myself I feel strongly that Shin should be repatriated back to the DPRK and should be put on trial and executed for his crime. The UN just looks like immoral idiots listening to such a vile criminal!

Pak Eun Mi (styled a Yeomi Park) is another liar. She told an implausible story about crossing several mountains to leave the DPRK when this would not have been necessary at all. She told different stories for different audiences like saying someone was variously executed for watching a James Bond DVD or a south Korean DVD depending on the country that she was in at the time. Much comment has been excited by her tale of waking up every morning to see dead bodies floating in the River. This is disputed by one Felix Abt, a Swiss businessman involved in economic cooperation with the DPRK who was staying in the DPRK in the 1990s. Abt is a capitalist businessman and not a communist or socialist and not a Juche Idea follower. Our delegation was in the DPRK in 1996 and did not see anyone starving or bodies floating in the river. Let's go deeper into this: why would dead bodies be floating in the river anyway. Surely if there were mass deaths from starvation (or from diseases caused by malnutrition) then the bodies would have been put into mortuaries or into mass graves. It would be unlikely for dead bodies to be put into rivers because it could contaminate the water supply. Does Ms Park mean that people were tipping the dead bodies of their relatives into the

water or people died and simply toppled into the water. Science is extremely inconvenient for Ms Park, as a general rule, a cadaver in the water starts to sink as soon as the air in its lungs is replaced with water. Once submerged, the body stays underwater. So what she says would have basically been impossible.

I think the DPRK were very correct to punish Pak Eun Mi's father. Her parents sounded like they were better off than other people and they wanted to overthrow the socialist system of the DPRK and restore capitalism. The full force of the dictatorship of the proletariat should be used against such class enemies!

In fact the DPRK has the highest form of democracy in the existing world.

It is guided by the Juche Idea authored by the great leader President KIM IL SUNG, developed by the great leader Comrade KIM JONG IL and now carried forward by respected Marshal KIM JONG UN. The Juche Idea believes in realising the independence of the popular masses. It upholds the independent rights of the people.

In the DPRK people enjoy the right to live in an independent country free from imperialism, they also live under an advanced socialist system free from exploitation and enjoy the rights to work, to shelter, to education and to health care which do not exist in capitalist countries.

To conclude the anti-DPRK “human rights campaign” is based on lies and fabrications told by criminals and very shady elements. In terms of criminal law it should be thrown out.

However the US imperialists in their desperation to bring down the socialist system of the DPRK are using the so-called “balance of probabilities” theory of civil law. As a former trade unionist I have seen this principle used by employers to frame up dodgy cases against workers to dismiss them or impose disciplinary penalties on them. This is bad enough when employers used it but totally impermissible in the sphere of international relations.

Virtually all of the so-called “human rights” critics of the DPRK have actually never ever set foot inside the DPRK. I cannot help reflecting that they are like the notorious anti-communist author (and MI5 informant) and anti-Irish racist George Orwell who wrote two novels about the former Soviet Union without actually visiting the place. Of course these novels were intended as works of fiction.

Visiting the DPRK in October 2015, April 2016 and September 2016 I had the opportunity to travel to places such as Sinchon, Mt Myohyang and the West Sea Barrage thus afforded me with an excellent opportunity of seeing large areas of the countryside on the way. I was also able to walk around Pyongyang at night and see much of the city including pedestrian underpasses.

The US imperialists and all sorts of reactionaries have over the past few years made wild allegations about “human rights violations” in the DPRK and even press-ganged some other countries to pass a number of anti-DPRK resolutions in the UN.

So where were these giant “forced labour camps” and

“concentration camps” that the imperialists allege exist in the DPRK? I could not see such a thing in fact I did not even see one barbed wire fence in the countryside nor large numbers of police or security personnel.

It also should be mentioned that the DPRK countryside was free from crop failure and famine. There is also a good level of social equality in the DPRK countryside with no big houses, no big private landed estates (or latifundia), no rich farmers or landlords. It is a genuine people’s countryside, a socialist countryside with the red flag flying high.

The imperialists claim that there are hundreds of thousands of people held in camps in the DPRK, such camps would have to be massive and with a huge number of guards but I did not see such a thing in the DPRK countryside. Moreover the DPRK is very peaceful and calm you rarely see emergency vehicles rushing through the busy streets. If what the imperialists say about “human rights” and “forced labour camps” exist in the DPRK, then you would say police or security personnel on the streets arresting many people and putting them in lorries to go to “labour camps” or “concentrations camps” but I saw no such thing happen. I did not see heavily armed police on the streets that you sometimes encounter in London, either on the streets or at railway stations or at airports. Indeed I was able to go for a walk near the Mansudae Assembly Hall the home of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly, the highest organ of legislative power in the DPRK and roughly equivalent to the parliament. Now in London the area

around parliament is a restricted area where movement is controlled and armed police units patrol. However in Pyongyang I see no police or security personnel in the area surrounding the Mansudae Assembly.

Of course the DPRK is a stable and harmonious unified society based on single hearted unity so there is no terrorism and no riots. In the DPRK there is unity between the armed forces and civilians so people do not fear or despise the armed forces.

I did not see the police oppressing anyone on the streets. I did not see anyone get arrested or the police in the DPRK shoot anyone dead! In the USA, the so called “land of the free,” which is the country behind the clamour about “human rights” in the DPRK, the police regularly shoot down people most of them black. The British newspaper “The Guardian| said so far this year 944 people had been killed by police in the USA so far this year! In the UK armed police units have been responsible for the loss of life notably innocent Brazilian electrician Jean Charles De Menezes and Mark Duggan (which sparked off the 2011 riots in the UK).

Visiting the newly modernised and expanded Sinchon Museum I could see just who the real human rights abusers are! Sinchon is the fateful place where the US imperialists and local class enemies committed the crime of murdering 35 383 people or one quarter of the population (can you imagine the death toll if the same thing was done in London, it would 2.2 million people dead!). It is an understatement to say the US imperialists are just as bad as Hitler’s Nazis.

Seeing the reality of the DPRK several times I concluded that the stories about “forced labour camps” in the DPRK are just hokum and nonsense, nothing but lies, pure lies designed to defame and slander the socialist system and put pressure on the DPRK.

So basically there is no “human rights” problem in the DPRK. People enjoy the right to housing, to education, to free medical care, to work and even have holidays paid for a state expense! Human rights in the DPRK are real human rights not an empty piece of paper or someone’s tickbox exercise.

Many Western critics of the DPRK ignore the fact that everyone in the DPRK supports respected Marshal KIM JONG UN and the Workers’ Party of Korea and they are happy to build socialism.

In the contemporary world it is the US, south Korea and the Western countries who are the biggest violators of human rights.

SECTION SIX POWERFUL COUNTRY OF SELF-RELIANCE AND SELF-DEVELOPMENT

One of the immortal achievements and legacies by President KIM IL SUNG that I remember is the independent national economy, which was a practical application of the great Juche Idea in the field of economy.

Economic independence is a material foundation of an

independent sovereign state. It is natural that a country depending economically on outside forces is dependent politically to others.

The DPRK's example of the independent national economy, the example of self-reliance is what the imperialists hate and fear the most. The independent national economy is equivalent to the power of 10 000 H bombs. It serves as an alternative to the crazy prescriptions of the imperialists and their “International Monetary Fund.”

As for the independent national economy, President KIM IL SUNG said.

“Building an independent national economy means building a diversified economy equipping it with up-to-date technology and creating our solid bases of raw materials, thereby building up an all-embracing economic system in which every branch is structurally interrelated so as to provide domestically most of the products of heavy and light industry and the agricultural produce needed to make the country wealthy and powerful and to improve the people's living condition.”

The building of an independent national economy means building an economy which stands on its own feet and serves the interests of one's own people, develops by relying on the resources in one's country and the strength of one's people.

Only when the economy is built that serves the interests of one's own people and relies on resources in one's own country and the strength of one's own people, can the productive forces be developed and the people's independent and creative life provided.

Building of an independent national economy arouses itself to be a vital one in those countries underdeveloped economically and technically due to the imperialist colonial rule in the past.

The independent national economy can even serve as an example for the UK which has just voted to leave the European Union.

President KIM IL SUNG was closely and intimately associated with the building of the independent national economy. Right from the start he put forward the line of building the independent economy.

Even in 1947, when Korea was emerging from the ruins of Japanese colonialism he said.

“For complete national independence and sovereignty and for national prosperity and development, one must build an independent national economy and thus firmly ensure economic independence.”

In the late 1950s the modern revisionists and great power chauvinists tried to put pressure on the DPRK to join the CMEA but it refused to do so maintaining the line of economic independence.

CMEA(Council for Mutual Economic Assistance) was an economic cooperation organization formed by the former Soviet Union and the Eastern European socialist countries to cope with the imperialists’ economic blockade by concerted efforts. CMEA established and developed bilateral cooperation relations including the trade agreement between the member states, shared

experiences in the economic construction and conducted joint study on the economic and technical problems.

Forcing the DPRK to join the CMEA, the modern revisionists slandered and imposed economic pressure upon the DPRK in all quarters while clamouring that the line of building an independent national economy was the “tendency to nationalism,” “isolation from the socialist system,” “isolated economy” and “closed economy.”

The DPRK keenly saw through the CMEA’s trap of economic subordination and built an independent national economy while remaining unchanged in any economic pressure and overcoming difficulties, thus never allowing any economic subordination.

If the DPRK had accepted the modern revisionists’ line of an “integrated economy,” any new industrial sector would not have been established in Korea where even the development in handicraft was restricted due to the Japanese imperialist colonial rule, and would have been completely subordinated to other’s economy.

The former Soviet big-power chauvinists and modern revisionists tried to subordinate the DPRK economy to their own but President KIM IL SUNG was having none of it and adhered to the line of building an independent economy.

The big power chauvinists tried to induce the DPRK to join the CMEA by offering electricity from the Lake Baikal power station.

At that time President KIM II SUNG told them.

“We will not use electricity generated by the power station; if we become dependent on electricity from you and then you fail to supply it, then we would suffer greatly; if we have funds for transmission cables from the power station to our country, it would be more effective for us to use these funds to build another hydroelectric power station in our country. It has become more clear today that our decision to build socialism by our own efforts on the principle of self-reliance and not enter the CMEA was quite correct.”

It is a primary requirement in building an independent national economy to hold fast to the principle of self-reliance.

Self-reliance means developing by one's own efforts. An independent national economy can be built even under most difficult conditions when one makes diligent efforts believing in one's strength.

A trait of heroic struggle that gave rise to the great Chollima upsurge after the war in the DPRK was a precious fruition borne by self-reliance.

In this period, the Korean people were short of funds and materials, the manpower situation was pressed and their life was under difficult conditions. And some people asserted to slow down the advance and some, fallen into defeatism, only expect foreign aids.

Even under such insufficient conditions, the Korean people surmounted encountered difficulties and obstacles while producing everything that was not available and finding out what was in

short by fully displaying the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance following the fighting traits of the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters who smashed the enemy by manufacturing bombs with their own efforts.

With self-reliance they made such great successes in a short span of time as producing electric locomotive, crane, excavator, bulldozer and large-size machine tools with their own materials, technology and efforts. The revolutionary traits of self-reliance were displayed even in the medium and small-sized factories and enterprises and thus a miracle of having produced over 13 000 machine tools more than the plan by launching a let-one-machine-tool-make-another movement.

The DPRK put self-reliance into effect in many fields. It achieved self-sufficiency in grain in the early 1960s.

The DPRK produced its own “Juche Fibre” Vinalon which was invented by Dr Ri Sung Gi. Vinalon is fibre produced from limestone abundant in the DPRK. The DPRK also found ways of producing iron without coking coal.

The DPRK’s economy upholding self-reliance grew at an amazing rate. In the period of socialist industrialization, the DPRK’s annual total value of industrial output increased by 19.1%.

On December 24, 2008 when Chairman KIM JONG IL visited the working class in Kangson, he called upon them to kindle the torch of a fresh revolutionary upsurge with the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance. He said with pride that victory in the building of a thriving nation is certain even in manifold

difficulties and trials as long as there is an inexhaustible creativity of the Korean people who had self-reliance as their inveterate habit.

In January 2009, Chairman KIM JONG IL said that we should hold aloft the slogan “Self-reliance is the only way to survive!” as ever, kindle the torch of a fresh revolutionary upsurge with self-reliance and open the gate to a thriving nation by dint of self-reliance.

Under the leadership of the great leaders President KIM IL SUNG and Chairman KIM JONG IL, the Korean people built a powerful independent national economy that can turn out all sorts of products from wrist watches to large railway locomotives.

Today the independent national economy of the DPRK, the legacy bequeathed by the great leaders KIM IL SUNG and KIM JONG IL can build its own atomic weapons and launch its own satellites made with domestic technology and resources.

As the DPRK holds the Juche idea as its guiding ideology and thoroughly embodies the principle of self-support in the economy, it does not need any “assistance” from the US, EU and IMF.

Respected Chairman KIM JONG UN who inherits and embodies the ideas of the great leader President KIM IL SUNG and Chairman KIM JONG IL is holding fast to the principle of self-reliance and has put forward the great self-development-first idea.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN said.

“We should uphold the spirit of self-development first.”

The spirit of self-development first is the revolutionary spirit of strengthening one's own motive force and paving ones' way by relying on its own strength, technology and resources.

The basis of this spirit is the great leaders' revolutionary idea that a country must carry out the revolution on its own, and the form of struggle for applying it is self-reliance and fortitude.

President KIM IL SUNG and Chairman KIM JONG IL brought up the Korean people into the strongest in mental strength who do not know the word impossible, and turned the DPRK into an invincible powerful country no one dares to disregard.

The revolution and construction are made with a country and nation as a unit and their motive force is self-development. One can overcome any difficulties and trials and make greatest success even under the worst condition only when one has the spirit of self-reliance and self-development. There is nothing but one's own strength to rely on in the revolution and construction.

No one is willing to help the DPRK and see it reunified, powerful, well-off and flourishing. The enemy are mortal fear of the cementing of the DPRK's strength and make desperate efforts to check the Korean people's advance toward the final victory.

It is imperative to hold fast to the spirit of self-development first in order to successfully hit the grand goal of building a powerful country while destroying vicious moves of hostile forces including the US imperialists and overcoming encountered

difficulties and trials.

The DPRK has built the Ryomyong Street defying the sanctions of the imperialists.

The Ryomyong Street is two and half times larger than the Mirae Scientists Street in its scale and amount of construction. The Ryomyong Street that has been erected as a sample and standard of modern architecture and a fairyland in the era of Workers' Party is the biggest labour gift presented by the Korean people to the 105th birth anniversary of President KIM IL SUNG.

A proud declaration of the completion of the Ryomyong Street in the DPRK is of great significance.

Today, the imperialists run amuck to stifle the DPRK while imposing somewhat “super-tough sanctions” as they failed to move the latter by force.

Completion of the Ryomyong Street in the DPRK in a time when the stifling of the imperialist allied forces and reactionaries reached an extreme phase is a vivid demonstration of firm faith and will of the Korean people dynamically advancing toward the final victory of building a powerful socialist country with the great spirit of self-reliance and self-development as the dynamic force under the leadership of respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN.

The DPRK advancing in the spirit of self-development first is a shining example of the world.

Self-reliance and self-development will enable the DPRK to frustrate the sanctions of US and world imperialism. Some people claim that the DPRK should abandon the independent national

economy and “open up” but this would be a disaster. If the DPRK opened up it would become a dependency of US and world imperialism, part of a “globalised” world, this is what opening up would mean. It would make it impossible to defend socialism and make the Korean people the colonial slaves of imperialism.

The idea of self-development first by the respected KIM JONG UN is now attracting greater attention from the world's people and even the imperialist media are commenting on it.

In his New Year address for 2016 respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN, the Chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea stressed the need for self-development and self-reliance. He said. *“Self-development alone is the road to sustaining the dignity of our country and our nation and to paving a broad avenue for the revolution and construction.”*

Respected KIM JONG UN identified it as a key task for the Korean people to develop self-reliance in the economy and put an end to dependence on imports. During 2015 he criticised the tendency to rely on imports.

In response the Korean people strode ahead in the spirit of self-reliance. Workers in the aircraft industry produced a plane with domestic resources and the workers of the Kim Jong Thae electric locomotive complex produced a tube train using indigenous resources and technology.

Inspecting the exhibition of products presented as gifts to the historic 7th Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea respected KIM JONG UN reaffirmed the self-development-first idea,

putting great emphasis on it.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN said.

“We should root out the proclivity to import without fail and put a definite end to it. We should in the future, too, strengthen our own force by our own efforts and with indigenous technology and resources and uphold the selfdevelopment-first principle, the revolutionary spirit of hewing out our way.”

This bold and decisive statement shows the way for the Korean people defying the sanctions of the imperialists and other dominationists.

The self-development-first idea of respected KIM JONG UN is a development of the principle of self-reliance of the Korean revolution.

History of the Korean revolution is the history that the revolution is started and has won victory with self-development.

At every stage of the Korean revolution the principle of selfreliance has been applied. In the 1930s when the anti-Japanese revolutionary war was raging, some anti-Japanese guerrillas hoped the former USSR, the first workers and peasants state would supply them with a grenade factory but no such factory was forthcoming. So instead the anti-Japanese guerrillas produced their own hand grenade the Yongil bomb.

Visiting the Pyongyang revolutionary site in April 2016 we saw several Yongil bombs and were told that President KIM IL SUNG himself had researched the question of making the Yongil bomb. It was here at Pyongyang that the foundation of

the DPRK's self-reliant munitions industry was laid. President KIM IL SUNG made sure that rather than importing weapons or just assembling foreign made ones the DPRK made its own weapons. By the end of the 1940s the DPRK was producing its own rifles, tommy-guns and mortars.

Thanks to the spirit of self-development first, the DPRK concluded rehabilitation project in a few years and created a miracle accomplishing the historic task of socialist industrialization in a short period of 14 years while giving a heavy blow to the US imperialists who clamoured that Korea could not rise to her feet again even in 100 years.

In 1967 President KIM IL SUNG made the historic speech to the Supreme People's Assembly ***“Let Us Embody the Revolutionary Spirit of Independence, Self-Sustenance and SelfDefense More Thoroughly in All Fields of State Activity”*** in which he said. ***“Self-reliance is a completely revolutionary stand for a people to accomplish the revolution in their country relying mainly on their own forces; it is an independent stand of building up their country through their own labour and with their own national resources.”***

In 1978 leader KIM JONG IL said.

“The situation we are in today demands that we display to a high degree the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance. At present no country is willing to help another nor is any country in a position to help another, even should she want to.”

Chairman KIM JONG IL put forward the slogan ***“Let Us***

Live Our Own Way!” in response to the pressure of the US imperialists, great power chauvinists and modern revisionists.

“Let Us Live Our own way!” is a striking and bold slogan, a militant revolutionary slogan that declared Korea's will to live its own way free from imperialism. It was an expression of the Juche-based faith of the DPRK guided by the great leaders KIM IL SUNG and KIM JONG IL to independently and self-reliantly construct socialism without being fettered by big power chauvinism or US imperialism.

At the time when the slogan was put forward, the DPRK faced intense pressure from the modern revisionists and opportunists as well as the sanctions and blockades of the US imperialists and the machinations of the South Korean puppets. In order to counter these manifold attempts to derail the building of socialism a high degree of self-reliance was required. It was the demand of the times.

They could lay a solid spring board for the building of a thriving nation after concluding the Arduous March, the forced march in which others would have collapsed hundred times as the principle of self-development first was kept in the hearts of the Korean people.

Essentially respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN's self-development first idea fully encapsulates the idea of the great leader President KIM IL SUNG on self-reliance and the independent national economy as well as Chairman KIM JONG IL's idea of “living our own way.” The

selfdevelopment first idea is based firmly on the principle of the revolutionary idea of self-reliance that one remarkably redoubles one's strength by dint of the motive force and hews out one's future by oneself.

The principle of self-development first has produced great dividends in the DPRK. The country is able to launch its own space satellites with its own rockets instead of paying other countries to launch their satellites.

The DRPK, a country which a hundred years ago could only produce simple rifles is now a proud independent nuclear power that has carried out 5 nuclear tests.

At present the US imperialists, big power chauvinists and restorers of capitalism are piling sanctions, blockades and pressure on the DPRK and even resorting to underhand schemes to impede the socialist development of the DPRK but the DPRK is racing ahead at a new Korean speed, the speed of Mallima(Mallima being a legendary horse that covers 2 500 miles at a gallop). Buildings have gone up one after the other, not just buildings but whole streets such as Ryomyong Street and large scale complexes such as the Sci-Tech Complex.

As the statement of the DPRK State Affairs Commission dated the 3rd of April “Nobody Can Block DPRK's Advance” said “The brigandish U.S. imperialists and their allies' barbarous ‘harshest sanctions’ to completely stifle the DPRK economically turned Juche Korea into a matchless great power based on the principle of independence, self-reliance and self-development.”

There are often used clichés about the so-called “prosperity” south Korea and “Korean Miracle.”

In fact the reactionaries do not know that the term “Korean Miracle” was first used by the famous Cambridge economist Professor Joan V Robinson to describe the DPRK.

She wrote in 1964 that “Eleven years ago in Pyongyang there was not one stone standing upon another. (They reckon that one bomb, of a ton or more, was dropped per head of population.) Now a modern city of a million inhabitants stands on two sides of the wide river, with broad tree-lined streets of five-story blocks, public buildings, a stadium, theatres (one underground surviving from the war) and a super-deluxe hotel. The industrial sector comprises a number of up-to-date textile mills and a textile machinery plant. The wide sweep of the river and little tree-clad hills preserved as parks provide agreeable vistas. There are some patches of small grey and white houses hastily built from rubble, but even there the lanes are clean, and light and water are laid on. A city without slums.”

Malcolm Caldwell is the highly respected UK social scientist who was a lecturer at School Oriental and African Studies. In his book “The Wealth of Some Nations” he notes that from 1954 to 1970/71 the DPRK rate of industrial output growth was 23.5% whereas that of south Korea was 15.3% so the DPRK’s rate of growth was over 50 % higher. In agriculture he estimated the DPRK’s per capita rice production was 230kg whereas south Korea was 123kg, so the DPRK’s output was nearly double.

Caldwell concluded "what is clear is that deprived of massive loans, US military propping, and integration into the international capitalist economy south Korea would collapse whereas abiding by Juche north Korea can stand independent indefinitely." This analysis was borne out by the fact that in 1998 the south Korean economy nearly went completely bankrupt and had to be bailed out by the IMF. The DPRK throughout its existence has withstood all kinds of sanctions and blockades. If south Korea was cut off from its markets it would not last a day!

In Juche Korea the working people are the masters of the society and fully in charge of administering the affairs of the state and society. It means that the working masses are masters of everything; the government and assets.

Ordinary workers, farmers, intellectuals and their children work as responsible officials of the Party, state, people's power organs at different levels, and factories, enterprises and co-op farms.

Thanks to the popular policy of the Workers' Party of Korea and the active role of the people's government responsible for the people's livelihood, the north Korean society forms a big harmonious family

The true popular benefits are afforded in all aspects of the social life such as free compulsory education and free medical services.

And taxes were abolished long ago.

At the 5th session of the 3rd SPA of the DPRK held in April

1996 adopted a law on completely abolishing agricultural tax in kind. “Law on Completely Abolishing Tax System” was adopted at the 3rd session of the 5th SPA held on March 21, 1974, thus completely abolishing tax system. Hence, the DPRK became the world first tax free country in the 1970s. It is the only DPRK that has no tax. This can be referred to be the world miracle.

Miracles in the DPRK can be explained with the monumental edifices built in recent years.

Followings are the proud creation built under the wise leadership of respected KIM JONG UN.

In 2012, the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun was refurbished as the supreme temple of the Juche, Tanchon Port, 2nd stage construction of Kwaksan Reclaimed Tideland, NamphoPyongyang seawater-pipeline construction were completed, the Changjon Street, the People’s Theatre, Mansugyo Fish and Meat Shop, Pothonggang Seafoods Shop, Rungna People’s Pleasure Ground, Yanggakdo Sports Village, People’s Open-air Ice Rink, Roller Skate Park, Thongil Street Fitness Centre, Ryugyong Health Complex, Breast Tumor Research Institute of the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital, Pyongyang Changjon Primary School, Kyongsang Kindergarten and Kyongsang Nursery, etc. were newly built and Kim Hyong Jik University of Education, amusement parks in Mangyongdae and Taesongsan were reconstructed.

In 2013, Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum, Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery, Mirim Riding Club, Munsu Water Park, Unha Scientists Street, apartments of

educationists at KIM IL SUNG University, Okryu Children's Hospital, Ryugyong Dental Hospital, Masikryong Ski Resort, Central Mushroom Institute of the Academy of State Sciences, etc. were newly constructed and Pyongyang Indoor Stadium was reconstructed.

In 2014, Kalma Foodstuff Factory, Wisong Scientists Residential District, apartments for educationists at Kim Chaek University of Technology, hostel of the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill, Yonphung Scientists Holiday Camp, Pyongyang Baby Home and Orphanage were newly built and Sporting Cartridge Factory, Meari Shooting Gallery and Songdowon International Children's Camp and the like were renovated.

In 2015, terminal of Pyongyang International Airport, Kalma Airport, Wonsan Baby Home and Orphanage, Pyongyang Old People's Home, Satellite Control Center of the National Aerospace Development Administration, Pyongyang Corn Processing Factory, Jangchon Vegetable Cooperative Farm in Sadong District in Pyongyang, Changgwang Shop, Paektusan Hero Youth Power Stations No. 1 and 2, Paekhak-dong in Sonbong District of Rason City, Mirae Scientists Street, Sci-Tech Complex, multi-tier power stations on Chongchon River, Fatherland Liberation War historic site, Sinchon Museum were newly constructed, full-service ship Mujigae manufactured and Pyongyang Catfish Farm, Pyongyang Children's Foodstuff Factory, Pyongchon Revolutionary Site, Wonsan Shoes Factory, Mangyongdae School Children's Palace reconstructed.

In 2016, Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station No. 3, Wonsan Army-People Power Station, Honggondo Reclaimed Tideland(stage 1), South Hwanghae Province Waterway, Tree Nursery No. 122 of the Korean People's Army, Natural History Museum, Medical Oxygen Factory, Pyongyang Sports Goods Factory and Mindulle Notebook factory were newly built and KIM IL SUNG Stadium and Mangyongdae Children's Camp and Central Zoo were reconstructed.

Numerous structures built in a short span of time vividly demonstrate once again the miracle in the DPRK rushing ahead at the speed of Mallima.

Respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN leads the struggle of the Korean people for the building of a powerful socialist country by giving fullest play to their inexhaustible creative power, holding aloft the banner of self-development.

In the DPRK where the entire people rushing ahead at the speed of Mallima while racing against the time by giving full play to their ardent revolutionary enthusiasm and patriotic devotion, dramatic changes are being made at the miraculous speed at which the morning and the evening differ and yesterday and today differ.

In 2016, in which the whole country kept on seething with vigour day and night in the 200-day campaign dynamically rushing forward at the speed of Mallima, a breakthrough was made in implementing the 5-year strategy for the state economic development and a great progress was made in the building of an economic giant.

Visiting the DPRK in October 2015, April 2016 and September 2016 I witnessed that the DPRK is growing at a very rapid rate. Indeed a rate of growth that is difficult to imagine in capitalist countries.

The self-development first idea is based on brilliant but simple logic. If a country does not rely on its own resources but relies on imports then it has to spend a large amount of money on imports which is a huge drain on resources. The money saved on imports can be then used to build schools, hospitals, houses, etc. Self-development and self-reliance are the way to true and lasting prosperity.

When we visited the Mangyondae School Children's Palace we saw a wonderful performance which showed how the squirrels had resolved to build a hydroelectric power station by their own efforts but the lazy bears insist on importing a power station only to be confounded by the fact that the Elephants who are supplying the power station demand more fruit in return for the power station.

Some countries have tried to build economies with the so-called "aid" of imperialism which is in reality is a just a lever for the plunder, exploitation and oppression of imperialism. Some countries have imported products from the Western countries which then have to be paid for and in order to do so they have to take loans and end up with huge debts. Many countries are saddled with debts that they will never pay back and are impossible to pay back. South Korea is an example it is has a total external debt of \$435 353 000 000 or \$7 567 per capita. Many countries who

followed the imperialists and accepted their prescriptions and diktats ended up in ruins.

For example the website Third World Traveller stated “*By forcing poor countries to open their borders to foreign investment from multinational corporations, to orient their economies to exports and to privatize state-owned enterprises, structural adjustment ensures that these countries stay enslaved to the industrialized world.*

Structural adjustment guarantees the continued exploitation of the Third World by the First. The abolition of all protective trade barriers and the orientation of economies to exports thwart efforts of Third World nations to escape from their dependence on the industrialized nations and to become economically selfsufficient. The reliance on exports forces the poor countries to provide their raw resources to the developed world. And the continued efforts of Third World debtors to repay their loans have led to the irony despite IMF and World Bank loans of poor countries engaging in a net transfer of wealth to the rich nations.”

Some Western European countries such as Greece and Ireland borrowed money from international financial capital in order to promote economic growth but ended up in debt, requesting more and more loans from the IMF and EU. Greece’s unemployment rate is 25% and its debt is 175% of GDP. This shows all too graphically what happens when one relies on other countries for economic development.

Self-development makes it possible to thoroughly defend and

advance socialism. The imperialists, capitalists, revisionists, hidden enemies of socialism and traitors all hoped for the DPRK to “open up” and “reform” which would destroy socialism by stealth.

But respected KIM JONG UN's idea of self-development has confounded this by developing the DPRK rapidly without outside assistance. Some would love to see the bloodsucking imperialist banks, those vultures of international finance capital, opening offices in Pyongyang but the DPRK has no foreign banks on its soil, it does not need them. The self-development first idea is profoundly anti-revisionist as it rejects the revisionist concept of building socialism in “partnership” with imperialism.

The self-development first idea is profoundly anti-imperialist, anti-capitalist and anti-globalisation, it is a banner that inspires those who want to pursue independent development free from imperialism and globalisation. The self-development first idea shows that a country can build an independent economy by itself without the “aid” or “co-operation” of imperialism.

The imperialists and their mouthpieces fear self-reliance more than a 10 000 nuclear tests because it shows that the DPRK does not need imperialism and its banks and multi-national companies. If other countries follow the DPRK's example of selfdevelopment by kicking the imperialists and exploiters and by building self-reliant economies then it will weaken the imperialist world considerably! It also makes sense for many countries to adopt the self-development first idea even advanced countries as

countries like the UK who import many goods that could be produced at home when there are millions of people unemployed.

The self-development first idea, which is based on the Juche idea and the traditional Korean mode of self-reliance, is the fruition of great KIM JONG UN's thinking and leadership.

Under the wise leadership of respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN, the Korean people rush forward at the Mallima speed for the building of the people's socialist paradise.

Socialism in the DPRK will even more prosper under the banner of the Juche idea and self-reliance and the Songun-based revolutionary leadership of respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN.

Let the slanderers of Juche Korea be silent! Let them eat their own words!

SECTION SEVEN NUCLEAR POWER IN THE EAST

The DPRK developed nuclear weapons not because it wanted them for their own nor to conquer other countries' territories but to defend itself from US and world imperialism. The DPRK's nuclear weapons are fundamentally different to those of the imperialist countries. The DPRK's nuclear weapons are indeed the "workers' bomb" or "people's bomb." The DPRK does not intend to repeat the history of the Korean War when it was invaded by the US

imperialists and its cities and towns carpet bombed by the US imperialists.

The US imperialists that developed nuclear weapon for the first time in the world dropped A-bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan on August 6 and 9, 1945 to inflict disastrous damage. The area covering 13 km² was destroyed and lost, over 70 000 dwellings were destroyed and the dead reached approximately 260 000 due to a mushroom cloud. This proves what a bitter disaster the nuclear weapon inflict upon the mankind.

No country and nation in the world but the DPRK has suffered from the US imperialists' nuclear blackmail for a long time.

The US imperialists have over 10 000 nuclear weapons and have used nuclear weapons twice. So it is only correct that socialist and anti-imperialist countries should develop their own nuclear weapons to counter the threat of the US.

On several occasions the US imperialists either threatened the DPRK with nuclear weapons or covertly considered their use. During the Korean War on November 30, 1950 Truman directly gave the U.S. Strategic Flying Corps an instruction to make preparations for dropping A-bombs. In December MacArthur, commander of the U.S. forces in the Far East, brought an aircraft carrier with A-bombs aboard to the sea off Inchon.

When the U.S. was defeated in the Korean War became clear, its warmongers vociferated about "large-scale retaliation strategy." In August 1953 right after the ceasefire the U.S. worked out the

top-secret plan 8-53 for massively dropping nuclear bombs in the northern part of the Korean Peninsula and attempted to ignite a nuclear war. After the Korean War they considered using nuclear weapons against the DPRK during the “Pueblo” incident of 1968 and also the Panmunjom incident of 1976.

Basically the US is the author of the “nuclear issue” on the Korean peninsula because they were the ones who broke the rules by introducing nuclear weapons into the Korean peninsula in violation of 13 d of the Armistice Agreement banning the introduction of all war hardware into Korea from abroad in June, 1957.

It declared the nuclear weaponization of the U.S. forces present in south Korea in July.

From January, 1958 it brought Honest John nuclear missiles, 280 mm atomic artillery pieces, B-61 nuclear bombs, etc. to south Korea.

In the period of the Cold War, the US deployed 13 000 nukes abroad and more than 6 000 nukes of them are deployed in the vicinity of the Korean peninsula and in Asia.

Hence, south Korea has been turned into the greatest nuclear magazine, advanced nuclear base in the Far East.

Since the end of the 1980s the US imperialists have invaded and trampled down the sovereignty of many nations--Panama, Somalia, Iraq, Yugoslavia, Afghanistan , Libya and others.

The US imperialists planned to isolate and stifle the DPRK by inventing the nuclear issue on the Korean peninsula leading to

the 1st “Korean nuclear crisis” in the 1990s and the 2nd one in the 2000s.

NPT signed on July 1, 1968 is a grossly unequal treaty that approves only the possession of nukes of the former Soviet Union, China, US, UK and France with 1967 as a boundary and prohibits the development and possession of nukes by other countries.

The fact that those 5 nuclear states possessed over 60 000 nuclear warheads in the mid-1980s clearly proves injustice of the treaty giving free reign to their nuclear armament expansion.

After the Persian Gulf War, the US imperialists further obsessed with the logic of omnipotent military strength declared the resumption of suspended Team Spirit Joint Military Exercises on January 26, 1993 in south Korea and staged the Team Spirit Joint Military Exercises-93, the biggest in history.

The US imperialists mobilized over 200 000 aggressive armed troops including the Rapid Reaction Forces from the GI bases in the US mainland, Hawaii, Guam and Japan. They set in motion Tomahawk cruise missiles, “H-117” stealth bombers and “B-1B” strategic bombers and even the command communications system for the use of nuclear weapon.

Hence, the nuclear crisis on the Korean peninsular was driven to an extreme phase and a touch-and-go situation in which a war might break out at any moment prevailed.

How to cope with the military showdown with the US imperialists aroused to be a vital issue related to the destiny of country, nation and socialism under the conditions that the US

imperialists made reckless efforts to invade the DPRK while wielding even nuclear weapons.

In such a grave situation, Chairman KIM JONG IL issued the KPA Supreme Commander's order of No. 0034 "On Declaring the Semi-war State to Whole Country, All People and Entire Army" on March 8, 1993.

The whole country was switched over to the semi-war state and the forces of the KPA and all members of the Korean People's Security Forces got ready for action with high spirits to annihilate the enemy and defended the land, the sea and sky of the country.

The DPRK government made statement to withdraw from the NPT on March 12, 1993.

It was a due measure for coping with the US nuclear blackmail and injustice ad hoc inspection of IAEA and defending sovereignty of nation and the supreme interests of country.

This move stunned the US and they had to enter into talks.

The US had no choice basically. As a result the DPRK-US Agreed Framework came into being in 1994.

In the DPRK-US Agreed Framework, the DPRK guaranteed its freezing and disassembling of a graphite-moderated reactor and its associated facilities, its manifestation of denuclearization will and its returning to the NPT.

In return, the US promised offer of light-water reactor of 2 000 000kw-generating capacity(about 4 billion US\$) and delivery of 500 000-ton heavy oil a year till 2003, relaxation of trade and investment barriers, setting up of a liaison office, establishment of

state relations, non-use of nukes and no threat upon the DPRK by nukes.

Expressing high respect by calling Chairman KIM JONG IL the supreme leader of the DPRK, the then US president Clinton sent a presidential message assuring that he would responsibly implement the DPRK-US Agreed Framework, exercising all the presidential authorities on October 20, 1994.

With the DPRK-US Agreed Framework, the US policy to stifle the DPRK with nuclear issue ended in smoke and the US that had boasted of being the only world superpower, a nuclear power knelt down before the DPRK.

However the DPRK-US Agreed Framework was not sincerely implemented by the US. According to it, the US should make a contract of offering a light-water reactor within 6 months since its signing.

But the US signed the agreement after 14 months and postponed the construction of a light-water reactor on the unreasonable pretext.

The construction of light-water reactor to be offered by 2001 was no more than a foundation pit.

According to the Article 3 of the DPRK-US Framed Agreement, the US had to offer an official guarantee that it would not use nuclear weapons nor threat the DPRK with them.

In ordinary written message made in the early 2002, the then US president Bush found fault with the DPRK while clamouring that north Korea is a country that formed an “axis of evil,” a

country developing mass destruction weapons.

After the visit to Pyongyang, assistant secretary of State Kelly, a special envoy of the US president asserted that the DPRK was accelerating the plan of uranium enrichment. He threatened the DPRK saying that not only the DPRK-US relations but also the north-south and the DPRK-Japan relations would be in the face of ruin if the DPRK cancelled the plan.

The US made public on November 14, 2002 that it would suspend offering of heavy oil that had been undergone in accordance with the agreement and practically discontinued it from December that year.

As a result, the DPRK-US Framed Agreement was completely abrogated and the enemy's manoeuvres reached an extreme phase.

The DPRK-US Agreed Framework was not sincerely implemented by the US and was systematically negated. Eventually demolished by Bush who vociferated about a "rogue state" and "axis of evil" and raked up the 2nd nuclear crisis.

The DPRK, to cope with the ever-increasing the US nuclear war threats, sanctions and pressure upon her, took toughest measures to safeguard the sovereignty of the country and life and property of the people.

Great Comrade KIM JONG IL responded with a series of hard-line measures namely withdrawing completely from the NPT and declaring itself a nuclear state.

This was not mere words, the DPRK successfully carried out

nuclear tests in October 2006 and May 2009. The nuclear device was the fruit of self-reliance based 100% on Korean resources and technology.

It is none other than the US imperialists who brought about the nuclear issue to the Korean peninsula. The US nuclear threat and blackmail upon the DPRK compelled the latter to possess nuclear. The US imperialists forced the DPRK's nuclear possession.

It is just for the DPRK who stands in confrontation with the US imperialists to bolster up its nuclear war deterrent.

In the past, the US imperialists attempted on several occasions to pulled the trigger of nuclear war against the DPRK. Had the DPRK not had a powerful strength, the trigger already would have been pulled.

How would the Korean people's destiny be and how the situation on the Korean peninsula be?

Perhaps, the DPRK would have been as same as Iraq and Libya and the Korean peninsula as Afghanistan in the early new century. And the history would have recorded the most disastrous nuclear war.

The US does not dare provoke a war and accordingly, peace on the Korean peninsula and in the northeast Asia is secured as the DPRK has the strength built up by dint of Songun.

It is no accident that the international community calls the nuclear deterrent of the DPRK a reliable guarantee for peace on the Korean peninsular and in the northeast Asia.

The DPRK's nuclear deterrent has reliable capabilities to exterminate the bases of aggression anywhere on the globe through precision strikes.

The US is the only nuclear criminal that imposed nuclear disaster upon our planet, an empire of evils and an infamous country that manufactured nuclear weapons first and has them in largest number but clamour loudly about denuclearization and the nuclear non-proliferation.

Nuclear weapons are no more a monopoly of the US. The days when the US used to threaten and blackmail the DPRK with nuclear weapons are gone forever.

Imperialism will not alter its aggressive nature before it dies and sovereignty of a nation should be defended not by a word or petition but by the powerful strength of its own.

Realities in the DPRK eloquently prove this. It can be said that the DPRK's nuclear policy is ideologically underpinned by the Songun policy.

Indeed in March 2013 Marshal KIM JONG UN announced the line of simultaneously developing the nuclear force and economy in parallel.

Respected Marshal KIM JONG UN declared that *“The days are gone forever when our enemies could blackmail us with nuclear bombs.”* Also he declared that *“If one is powerless, one will be reduced to a bargaining chip of powerful ones however honest minded and just one may be, and one's precious history defended at the cost of blood will lose its brilliance in an*

instant.”

Under respected Marshal KIM JONG UN's inspiring Songun revolutionary leadership the DPRK has carried out several nuclear tests including the test of the Hydrogen bomb on the 6th of January 2016.

In 2016 test-fire of surface-to-surface medium long-range strategic ballistic rocket Hwasong 10 was succeeded in June, underwater test-launch of strategic submarine ballistic missile Pukguksong was succeeded before the Day of Songun in August and a nuclear warhead explosion test was carried out with success on September 9, the founding anniversary of the DPRK.

The DPRK took successive measures for bolstering up the military capabilities including nuclear tests but it was unprecedented that the DPRK made public its actual miniaturized nuclear warhead and staged launching exercises of the strategic nuclear striking means on several occasions under battle conditions in the year when the DPRK succeeded in H-bomb test surprising the enemy.

Even those countries boasting themselves of being world military powers, the nuclear powers failed to do it.

The US succeeded in H-bomb test in November 1952 and 7 years later in 1959 carried out intercontinental ballistic missile test. The former USSR was successful in H-bomb test in August 1953 and conducted an intercontinental ballistic missile test, the first in the world. China was successful in the test-fire of intercontinental ballistic missile in 1980, 13 years after its successful H-bomb test

in June 1967. These countries were successful in the underwater rocket launching by submarine after few years since then.

However, the DPRK demonstrated all those processes on the more superior level only in 9 months startling the world circle of military science.

The DPRK has emerged as the world military power, a nuclear power in the East at a bound and a new mechanical structure has been established with the DPRK as the absolute variable.

I happened to be visiting the DPRK at the time of its 5th nuclear test. On September the 9th 2016 on the 68th anniversary of the foundation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the DPRK carried out its 5th nuclear test.

On the afternoon of the 9th I was just arriving at the Ponghwa Art Theatre when my guide told me that the DPRK had succeeded in testing a nuclear warhead! Later that evening I saw the veteran TV announcer Ri Chun Hui read out the statement of the DPRK Nuclear Weapons Institute.

The statement of the DPRK Nuclear Weapons Institute said in part “Scientists and technicians of the DPRK carried out a nuclear explosion test for the judgment of the power of a nuclear warhead newly studied and manufactured by them at the northern nuclear test ground under the plan of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) for building strategic nuclear force. The nuclear warhead explosion test is a demonstration of the toughest will of the WPK and the Korean people to get themselves always ready to retaliate

against the enemies if they make provocation as it is part of practical countermeasures to the racket of threat and sanctions against the DPRK kicked up by the U.S.-led hostile forces who have gone desperate in their moves to find fault with the sovereign state's exercise of the right to self-defence while categorically denying the DPRK's strategic position as a full-fledged nuclear weapons state.”

The test has been estimated by various experts in think-tanks in the West estimated the yield from the test to be 20-30 kilotons which is double that of previous nuclear tests.

Another great achievement of Songun Korea, another nuclear thunderbolt of justice hurled at US imperialism!

It was amazing to be in the DPRK at a time when new history was being made!

I telephoned my daughter on Saturday, the day after the nuclear. She told me that she had been worried about and that the media in the UK had carried hysterical reports about the test. Despite the hysteria that erupted in the imperialist world the atmosphere in Pyongyang seemed perfectly normal and peaceful, no hysteria or panic nor talk of war. Everyone was calm but of course people were happy that their country had made another significant advance along the road of being a socialist global nuclear power.

Earlier when I arrived in Pyongyang on the 6th of September I was able to see the test of a road-launched ICBM on the television in the evening. The test was conducted in the presence of

respected leader Marshal KIM JONG UN. It was a sight to bold, the missiles soared majestically into the sky one after the other, a demonstration of the Juche-orientated firepower of the Korean People's Army commanded by respected Marshal KIM JONG UN.

Thus the DPRK has built up a powerful Songun-based nuclear strike force capable of striking back the US imperialists who have so many times threatened to incinerate the DPRK and lay waste to the land of the Morning Calm. Whether the US, UNSC, UK, Japan or anyone else likes it, the DPRK is now a fully fledged nuclear power with effective deterrent capabilities.

The 5th nuclear test and the road launched ICBM test were carried out in defiance of the US imperialism and world imperialism.

Through their enforcement agency the so-called UN Security Council the US imperialists have piled sanctions on the DPRK. Neighbouring big powers under the influence of capitalism and revisionism also put pressure on the DPRK not to conduct any more nuclear tests after the H bomb test of the DPRK in January 2016 talking about “calmness,” “restraint” and “stop taking any actions that would make the situation worse.”

People's Korea guided by the Juche Idea and Songun Idea and led by the iron-willed brilliant commander respected Marshal KIM JONG UN defied them all and went ahead with the 5th nuclear test.

The DPRK's 5th nuclear test demonstrated the independence

of the DPRK and its resolve to defend itself. No matter what others may say, regardless of who they are, the DPRK's nuclear policy is the correct that fully accords with the supreme interests of the socialist system of the DPRK.

In 2016, Juche Korea could possess nuclear deterrent and strategic means of attack capable of completely controlling hostile forces including the US, and join the front rank of the world military powers as a nuclear power in the East thanks to the wise leadership of respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN.

CHAPTER THREE SOUTH KOREA, COLONY OF THE US

Over the years it has become very much in vogue amongst reactionary circles to make unfavourable comparisons between the DPRK and south Korea. Of course such reactionaries ignore the basic fact that the DPRK is a sovereign and independent state not a single foreign soldier on its soil whereas south Korea is occupied by US troops and has no independence.

South Korea is a colony of the US that has not any political independence.

Political independence is a main index of a sovereign state.

It is not the people or “government” but the White House across the ocean that control over the external and internal policies in south Korea. It is not a secret that who becomes “president” is decided by the US. It is none other than the US that drove Park Chung-Hee to effect a military coup after the collapse of proAmerican stooge Syngman Rhee, and chose Chun Doo Hwan after Park Chung-Hee’s death by shooting.

Hence, it has been an unbreakable custom for the successive puppet presidents to make a visit to their master in the US to inform their accession to office, promise subordination positively and be instructed by the master.

The US does not hesitate to summon, order at random and even ousting and killing anyone including the “president” in case

he or she is displeasing. Killing Park Chung-Hee by shooting in October 1979 was a typical example.

Even though the US holds somewhat “regular talk” with south Korea, it is aimed at justifying their colonial rule and forcing their aggressive and predatory demands. Rice-market opening, beef-market opening in south Korea, dispatch of puppet army to the overseas aggressive wars and the increased amount of upkeep expenses of the US aggressive forces occupying south Korea are all the result of the talks.

The south Korean puppets’ “policies toward the north” are obedient to realizing the US interests and demands. The former south Korean rulers’ “confidence-building process” was the copy of the US hostile policy toward the DPRK for “making the north abandon its nukes”. That the puppets relay the US master’s brigandish boast of “threats from the north” is a manifestation of their inveterate nature depending on outside forces.

That the south Korea has not full command of the armed forces proves it is a colony of the US.

Exercise of the full command of the armed force is an important index distinguishing the sovereign state from colonial dependent country. A country without full command of the armed forces is as same as abandoning to be a sovereign state.

The south army is an only world puppet armed force leaving full command of the armed force. Though the south Korean so-called “constitution” stipulates that the “president” is a commander of the armed forces, it is nothing but an official

document deceiving the people. It is the US that has the practical full command of the armed forces.

Once a US publication wrote that “the US taxpayers have the army in south Korea serving as a creditable watchdog guarding the US investment and this serves as a source making the greatest success with the minimum expense.” This proves that the south Korean puppet army is no more than an inexpensive mercenary army, a bullet-shield of the US imperialists.

There are numerous US military bases abroad but no one pays even the GI’s stationing expenses and the expenses for transfer of military bases. The south Korean authorities extended the rights to the wartime operational command till 2015 that had to be transferred in 2012, and even begged the master earnestly for its unlimited extension. Such disgraceful behaviour shows poor position of a colonial stooge.

The economy in south Korea is completely subordinated to the US.

The US holds south Korea in economic bondage to amass huge wealth so as to seriously threaten the rights to existence of the south Korean people. Today, the US-led foreign monopolistic capital possesses over 50% shares of large enterprises and banks in south Korea,, controls the south Korean economy in accordance its will and gains billions of US\$ every year.

In the 1970s two Western economists Ellen Brun and Jacques Hersh wrote of south Korea “*the main weakness of the south*

Korean economic strategy is that is orientated neither towards reliance on its own forces, nor toward the mobilisation of an internally generated surplus for national development.” In other words it totally lacks self-reliance and is the complete opposite of Juche!

The south Korean economy is indeed a dependent economy and a modern version of a colonial economy. The south Korean economy is extremely lopsided and unbalanced. For example 50 per cent of south Korea's GDP comes from foreign trade.

Let's briefly survey some facts that illustrate the dependency of the south Korean puppet economy.

South Korea's external debt is \$370 billion dollars (or \$7 400 per head of population) and its internal debt is \$319 billion dollars. South Korea's debts are actually much higher than at the time of the IMF bailout in 1998.

South Korea belongs to the imperialist controlled IMF, World Bank, World Trade Organisation, the G20 and APEC whereas the DPRK is totally free and independent of oppressive international organisations.

It has a number of shackling economic agreements with the US and recently conclude a so-called “Free Trade Agreement” with the US, also with the EU. Basically “free trade agreements” result of the loss of economic sovereignty as well the loss of jobs etc.

South Korea is a playground for the transnational corporations of international monopoly capitalism. According to

Santander the total amount of foreign investment in south Korea is \$174 billion. Some 'south Korean' companies are either wholly owned by foreign capital such as the Korea Exchange Bank (bought by Lone Star of the US) or the Shinhan Corporation in which foreign banks have a stake or Samsung which is 82% foreign owned.

All these firms suck out billions out of south Korea every year. One result of south Korea's dependency on foreign capital is that it is a low wage economy. As Brun and Hersh wrote in 1976 *"the appeal to foreign investment" the appeal to foreign investment, however implies that the internal social situation must be made and kept attractive to foreign capital."*

Major companies of US monopoly capital such as General Motors, Ford, IBM, Microsoft, Hewlett Packard, McDonalds, to name just few, exist in south Korea. Then there are Japanese companies such as Casio, Kubota and Mitibushi. In addition to US and Japanese monopoly capital, the following other capitalist countries have been economic inroads into south Korea: Britain, France, Germany, Netherlands, Spain, Italy, Switzerland and even Israel. South Korea is probably the most dependent, most foreign dominated country in the world.

Thus south Korea is well known as a low wage, high exploitation economy with a multitude of social problems such as poverty, homelessness etc. 7 million households have no home for their own, 680 000 households are living in shanties and dugouts, and 1.2 million children are selling their labour in the street, let

alone studying.

Enterprises are being ruined in succession in south Korea and the people suffer from unemployment and poverty as the US monopolistic capital prevails across the south Korea. That fact that over 7 million households lead a wandering life as they do not have their own homes, over ten million beggary lead miserable life in the worst living conditions and all sorts of crimes are being committed everywhere are the miserable realities borne by the colonial dependent economy. It is no accident that a professor in Seoul University deplored that *“a fundamental source of constant insecurity and chaos, the repeated vicious cycle of corruption being made in this society up to today since after the liberation is the US colonial rule upon it.”*

A linguistic culture in south Korea proves that south Korea is the US colony.

It is a tragic destiny of a colonial slavery that they do have to use language of a suzerain state instead of their peculiar language and letters.

According to the south Korea linguistics' investigation and analysis of 1 643 life terms being used in south Korea, only 5% was the Korean and the rest 95% was the words of foreign origin and mixed language.

A fact that in south Korea, over 800 words of foreign origin are noted in a daily newspaper on the average a day and the Korean letters hold only 12.7% of signboards in Seoul City vividly proves true picture of south Korean society that has been reduced

to a linguistic colony.

It is the realities in south Korea that all fields of social life including politics, military affairs, economy and culture are completely subordinated to the US and thus lost all independence and identity.

It is natural that the south Korean people wage struggle to put an end to the US colonial rule holding aloft the banner of independence, democracy and reunification.

The annual enrolment fees were 5 000 US\$ in governmentrun universities and US\$ 8,300 in private ones on average in 2016 which means 20% increase more than that of previous year to arouse big rage and indignation among students' parents.

Now in south Korea it costs US\$ 100~400 for a comprehensive medical check-up and US\$ 8~9 on average a day for hospitalization or US\$ 100~300 in big hospitals. 101 of 100 000 people at 20s, 284 of 100 000 at over 70s are tuberculosis patients making south Korea stigmatized as a “country coughing in tuberculosis.”

While the rich spend millions of dollars for medical treatment abroad, the grass roots cannot afford the medical treatment in time so that various diseases are rampant.

Children of rich families receive extracurricular studies at special schools spending over US\$ 500 every month whereas 1.2 million poor children are doing piecework on the street not affording the schooling.

Suicide, a commonplace in capitalist societies dominated by money, is raised as a serious social problem in south Korea, a colony of US imperialism.

The rate of suicide is on steady increase every year in south Korea. According to an official data of the government 13,407 persons in all committed suicide last year or over 36.7 persons killed themselves every day.

This figure is much more than that of 2006 by 439 suicides.

An analysis of the suicides of each sex for the last 5 years indicated that the suicide rate of men is higher in general by 65 to 70 % but the women suicides are increasing remarkably every year.

The number of women suicides has increased by 19.3% for the last 5 years from 3 871 in 2003 to 4 617 in 2007. Of the motive of suicide the pessimism is 46.7% (31 002 persons), taking the lion's share, and in ages, the middle-aged suicides in their 40s were 23.2% (15 454), the most. The yearly increase of suicides in south Korea is caused by the unpopular policies of the government

There are other problems in south Korea such as a low marriage rate.

Culture in south Korea is completely decadent and degenerate. It is known throughout the world as a cultural cesspool. All south Korean culture is basically a copy of American, Japanese and Western culture. A typical example of the degeneracy of south Korean culture is the so "Gangnam Style." One anonymous writer said of south Korean culture as follows.

"When living in south Korea I really knew only one person

who wasn't brainwashed; the majority of people seemed whipped up into a fascist frenzy, deluded by distorted, bogus, exploitative, nationalist propaganda. The 'economic miracle' myth that rides off the elite enriching 'chaebol' conglomerate domination of society has commoditized the spirit of the people. The mental illness fostered by fundamentalist Christianity forges a population of uncritical worshipers, a people plagued by symbol and iconography psychosis. Distinction between Church and corporate culture has evaporated. Ruthless wielding of power by sexually perverse, greedy elitists serves pursuit of US elite identity signifiers across 'the board', without scruple.

Exploiting people they purport to liberate, Church leaders maximize contributions to American Church financial power in return for Ivy League scholarships for their children ('level-up' inclusion in the imperialist motherland). Corporate and business leaders aggressively seek to soothe sexual inferiority complexes (stemming from domination by the US military/elite) by rebranding the sex trade 'US style business clubbing' and callously engineering recruitment through disproportionately high youth unemployment (50% of College graduates in South Korea are unable to find work or have given up looking). The stooges of the fascist system camouflage the social trauma and betrayal of the Korean people their business club society spawns with Chaebol funded modern infrastructure, Euro-Asian surgery prostitution packaging and incentives, and 'one-up-man-ship' over disenfranchised, culturally alienated, immigrants.

This exploitation leads south Korean men to engage outsiders and each other as tasteless curb crawlers, debasement and emasculation fight each other as cultural norms of male interaction under fascism; slandering and hopelessly delusional one-up-man-ship over foreigners is the only unity recourse for the sexual inferiority complex imperial domination has entrenched. Women bear the worst brunt of the culture of denial however; south Korean men have become the largest consumer group of South East Asian child prostitutes, domestic violence and abuse are on the rise, the population is shrinking and ageing with elderly single women becoming a particularly at risk vulnerable group. Under the cover of propagandized fascist 'sexually superior' K-pop idols, the international trade of Korean women for sex thrives; imperialist culture drives a need to finance Korean migration to the racist and discriminatory white dominant imperialist hinterlands. Christianity and capitalism propagandize these migration pathways as moral and material progress (respectively). In fact, certainly in the case of the American former British empire states, Korean immigration usually represents nothing more than policy packaged wealth appropriation and an onshore colonial rape and exploitation fest.”

The above passage illustrates the pitiful and utterly degenerate nature of south Korean society, as the US colony.

It is south Korea that faces the prospect of collapse due to the internal social and class contradictions, the anti-popular misrule and the suffocating occupation of south Korea by US imperialism.

Whereas the DPRK is known for its sturdy and militant antiimperialist independence, in fact as one former UK prime minister put it "undiluted sovereignty", south Korea is the most dependent and neo-colonial country in the world. Not only dependent on US imperialism but also Japanese imperialism and the mad woman Park schemes to make south Korea dependent on the EU, on British, French and German imperialism, even on Brazil !

CHAPTER FOUR

LET US FURTHER STRENGTHEN SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY TO JUCHE KOREA

It is a common fighting task presented to the progressive mankind at present to actively support the Juche Korea and strengthen solidarity with Korean people.

The Juche idea followers have studied, explained and disseminated the Juche idea extensively to make contribution to the victorious advance of a sacred cause for realizing the independence.

The Juche idea followers have resolutely defended the Juche Korea and widely propagated its superiority and invincible vitality of the Juche idea to arouse the progressive mankind to the building of an independent and just new society.

Even in the grave unprecedented circumstance under which the imperialist allied forces' anti-socialist offensive has been intensified, they have made resolute struggle for the victory in the socialist cause and the cause of global independence, cherishing the scientific accuracy and inevitability of victory in the Juchebased socialist Korea as their faith.

In particular, they have made more brisk activities for studying and disseminating the Juche idea to firmly arm the people with independent consciousness and thus provided the people with precious ideological and mental pabulum for the sacred struggle

for independence against imperialism, and socialism.

The Juche idea followers have actively supported and encouraged and sent absolute solidarity to the cause of the Korean people who are making dynamic efforts for the building of a powerful socialist country and national reunification, braving all sorts of difficulties by dint of Juche and Songun.

On April 15, 2017, colourful events were organized and held on the worldwide scale on the occasion of the 105th birth anniversary of President KIM IL SUNG, thus expressing boundless admiration for the President.

National and individual political party preparatory committees were formed following the first preparatory committee for celebrating the Day of the Sun in January in Syria, and their numbers mounted up to over 70 including the regional preparatory committees.

Amid the holding of colourful functions celebrating the Day of the Sun in different countries in the world, heads of state and government, figures from the political parties and social organizations set congratulatory letters, the heads of Palestine, Nigeria and Equatorial Guinea set baskets of flowers and Venezuela awarded the President an order.

Over 1 200 athletes from over 50 countries and regions participated in the IAAF-28th Mangyongdae Prize Marathon held in Pyongyang.

807 foreigners including the diplomatic representatives and the members of international organization missions saw the

military parade and mass civilian procession in celebration of the 105th birth anniversary of President KIM IL SUNG, and 118 journalists from different countries covered them live to the world.

Voice of support and solidarity to the Juche Korea was further raised in May and June 2017.

On May 25th, a demonstration was held in front of the US embassy and the south Korean puppet embassy to UK in protest of the US vicious hostile policies toward the DPRK.

Personages from the New Communist Party of Britain, the British Association for the Study of Songun Policy, the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea, the Korean Friendship Association UK and the masses took part in the demonstration.

Saying that at present, the US administration has introduced all sorts of strategic assets including the aircraft carrier on the Korean peninsula and its vicinity to threaten the DPRK, the speakers in the demonstration stressed as follow.

We actively support the Korean people's resolute struggle against the US provocations. The US should immediately abandon its hostile policy toward the DPRK and withdraw its aggressive armed forces on the Korean peninsula.

Waving the DPRK flags, they processed shouting the slogans "Korea is one!", "Stop sanctions on Korea and war moves!" and "Yankee go home!"

Nepalese newspaper Arpan on May 26th carried the following article contributed by Maju Ratna Sakya, president of Nepal Journalist Association, as regard the successful test-fire of surface-

to-surface medium long-range ballistic missile Pukguksong-2 in the DPRK.

“Some time ago, the DPRK successful carried out test-fire for deployment for action of surface-to-surface medium longrange ballistic missile Pukguksong-2. As soon as the news reported, not only the US and its followers but also the UN are misleading the public opinion in order to impair the image of the DPRK. The US should correct their wrong hostile policy towards the DPRK and should not threat or stimulate the latter any longer. A day when the US would submit to the Korean people would surely come. It is wrong to assert that the DPRK’s bolstering up of its military capabilities for defending itself is illegal.”

According to the south Korean internet newspaper Jajusibo, 102 international peace activists including the US former professors made public a joint statement on May 16 calling for the withdrawal of the THAAD deployment and ensuring peace on the Korean peninsula.

The statement claimed to withdraw the THAAD as soon as possible, noting that even the US has approved the THAAD deployed in Songju, North Kyongsang Province is unable to intercept the north’s missiles.

It stressed that the US should approve the failure of sanctions and pressure upon the DPRK.

It asserted that a negotiation to removing the root cause of nuclear threat on the Korean peninsula and in the northeast Asian region should be held.

The statement emphasized that the Trump administration and the south Korean authorities should stop the military exercises that escalating the military crisis on the Korean peninsula and its vicinity, lending their ears to the voice of the world people aspiring after the peace.

Anti-Imperialist Forum of Germany made public the following statement on June 5 as regard that fact that the hostile forces recklessly resort to the vicious anti-DPRK sanctions and pressure, being frantic with terror at the multi-phased and successive successes in the self-defense industry in the DPRK.

“The UNSC has cooked up another ‘sanction resolutions’ finding fault with the DPRK’s ballistic rocket launch for building up of its nuclear armed force, the forum state as follow.

The UNSC’s unreasonable and unfair measure proves that the ‘UNSC’ is turning into the ‘Insecurity Council.’ That the US can modernize the nuclear weapons and launch ballistic missiles while making a mockery of the world while the DPRK cannot do so is the acme of double standard and like a guilty party filing the suit first. The UNSC that finds fault with the just self-defensive measures of the DPRK while blinking the US running amuck steeped in wars, murder and incendiarism throughout the world, has been reduced to the US plaything. The DPRK’s treasured sword of justice will mercilessly destroy the hostile forces anywhere in the world. No sanction will check the dynamic advance of the DPRK. The US and its stooges, take your hands off Korea!”

On June 6th , the British Association for the Study of Songun Politics announced that the people in the DPRK will, in any pressure and sanction, never fall back even a step on the road of bolstering up of their nuclear armed forces chosen for safeguarding sovereignty of country and the rights to existence of nation and realizing genuine international justice, and advance more dynamically toward a final victory

The victory in the Battle in Pochonbo in the Korean people's anti-Japanese revolutionary war evokes a response even today in international society as it demonstrated independent spirit against imperialism and indomitable mettle of the Korean people and influenced much in the world colonial and national liberation struggles.

Switzerland preparatory committee for the 2017 Meeting Praising Great Persons of Mt. Paektu, Switzerland-Korea Committee and Swiss Group for the Study of Juche idea made public following statement.

“The Pochonbo Battle in 80 years ago was of important significance in the anti-Japanese armed struggle organized and led by President KIM IL SUNG. On the basis of victory in the Pochonbo Battle, the Korean People's Revolutionary Army switched over the large unit advance into the homeland and a large-scale military offensive to annihilating the Japanese imperialists. The victory in the Pochonbo Battle that served as an occasion heralding an end of Japanese imperialists' brutal colonial rule over Korea and a dawn of liberation was an impetus

to the world oppressed working masses. We extend eternal glory to President KIM IL SUNG, an iron-willed brilliant commander and distinguished military strategist.”

Internet homepage of France-Korea Friendship Association stressed that the Pochonbo Battle demonstrated to the full the might of the Korean People’s Revolutionary Army and strike the Japanese imperialists with terror, the truth of the revolution, the truth of Songun taught by a gun report in Pochonbo is being cherished in the hearts of the Korean people as ever.

Noting that the President led the members of the KPRA to sweep away the enemy in Pochonbo in the Juche-oriented guerrilla warfare, a joint statement made public by the British Association for the Study of Songun Politics and the British Group for the Study of the Juche idea stressed as follows.

“After the battle, the great leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG delivered a speech instilling a firm confidence in victory into the people and arousing them to the struggle for defeating the Japanese imperialists and liberating the country. The flames in Pochonbo served as a beacon illuminating the road for defeating the Japanese imperialists and building the people’s new society free from exploitation and oppression. Pochonbo’s flame on that day is blazing up even today in Songun Korea dynamically advancing toward the road of anti-imperialist struggle under respected Comrade KIM JONG UN’s leadership.”

On June 15th, the British Solidarity Committee for Peace and Reunification of the Korean Peninsula was formed with due

ceremony.

Participated in the ceremony were figures and members in the Juche idea study groups, friendship and solidarity organizations in UK.

Speakers in ceremony said as follows.

“The situation on the Korean peninsula is being driven to a brink of war due to the ever-increasing anti-DPRK sanctions and stifling of the US and its followers and frantic nuclear war exercises. Owing to the vicious confrontation between fellow countrymen of counter-reunification forces within and without, the north-south relations have been driven into a total catastrophe and the patriotic cause of reunification of the Korean peninsula faces grave challenge and difficulties. Hence, the progressive organizations in UK opposing the imperialists’ aggression and domination, valuing justice and peace and wishing for the peace and reunification of the Korean peninsula decided to form a solidarity committee.”

Made public in the ceremony was an action programme that requires the suspension of war moves that further escalating the situation on the Korean peninsula, withdrawal of US troops stationing in south Korea and conclusion of DPRK-US peace agreement, supports and encourages the national reunification struggle of the entire Korean nation in the north, south and abroad and the struggle of the south Korean people for social democracy, and strengthens solidarity and federation of progressive parties and public organizations in different countries in the world.

Asserting that the US has been engrossed in aggression and plunder upon other countries and nations, honorary chairman of the Bulgarian Communists Union noted as follows.

“The Korean War provoked by the US also was to nip the young DPRK in its bud and put Asia and the whole world under its control. However, the aggressors knelt down before the Korean people for the first time in history. Keeping its bad abuses, the US averts its eyes from the proposal of the DPRK for concluding the peace agreement and strains the situation on the Korean peninsula while staging large-scale aggressive war exercises. The US anti-DPRK confrontation moves will reduce to an act of selfdestruction repeating its ignominious defeat in the past Korean War. Today the might of the DPRK has been built up as never before. The US imperialist war maniacs should pretend with discretion, being awoken to such fact.”

Insisting that the US and its vassal forces can never bring the DPRK into submission, chairman of the Arab Committee for solidarity with the Korean people and supporting Korea’s reunification highly praised that the DPRK that fought against the US and emerged victorious in the 1950s will be ever-victorious without fail, the DPRK being led by HE KIM JONG UN advances toward the future as ever.

Chairman of Juche Philosophy Study committee of India said as follows.

“Today’s DPRK is not the young country of the 1950s. The DPRK is a politico-ideological giant in which the entire army and all

people are united single-heartedly around the leader, and a military giant, nuclear power possessed of powerful defence capabilities. The army and the people in the DPRK are filled with a will to completely annihilate the ringleader of war, the den of evils without losing an opportunity once the US dare provoke. The US aggressive war moves will surely be ruined as the Korean people have HE KIM JONG UN and the heroic Korean People's Army led by him."

June 25 month of solidarity with the Korean people began in Cuba with due ceremony.

Displayed at the venue of ceremony were the photos showing the immortal feats of President KIM IL SUNG, Chairman KIM JONG IL and respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN.

Officials from the Cuba Committee for Supporting Korea's Reunification, Institute of Friendship with Different Countries and Cuba-DPRK Friendship Breeding Farm, and the masses participated in it.

The 1st vice-chairman of the Cuba Committee for Supporting Korea's Reunification said as follows.

"June 25th, 1950 is the day when the US imperialists unleashed a war against the young DPRK.

The army and the people in the DPRK devotedly fought to defend the country under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG.

On June 27th, 1953, the US imperialists could not but signed the AA after suffering ignominious defeat for the first time in their

history of aggression.

The Korean people opened up a downhill path of the US imperialism.

The Cuban people extend absolute support and solidarity to the just cause of the Korean people who have turned out in the efforts to realize the independent reunification of the country under the leadership of respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN, true to the behests of President KIM IL SUNG and Chairman KIM JONG IL.”

All these prove how intense the support and solidarity extended by the progressive mankind to the Juche Korea is.

One or two months are a moment in history. However, voice of the progressive mankind in one or two months defending the Juche Korea and extending support and solidarity to the DPRK was resounded in all parts of the world transcending continents and oceans.

A drop of water reflects the universe.

Through the reality, one can understand the boundless reverence and admiration of the world people toward respected Supreme Leader KIM JONG UN, the active support and encouragement to Juche Korea, the people's Korea being led by him.

The world revolutionary people should wage more dynamic struggle for support and solidarity to the Juche Korea and thus vigorously hasten the independent cause of mankind.

In keeping with requirement of the times in which a new

phase of struggle for independence has been ushered in, they should actively support and encourage the Juche Korea vigorously advances along the road of independence, the road of socialism against imperialism.

The world revolutionary people should dynamically hasten the independent cause of mankind under the banner of the Juche idea, the Songun idea.

They should explain and propagate the Juche Korea in diverse forms and ways including the press, publication and education and by making good use of modern scientific and technical means.

I express my expectation and confidence that the world progressive people will perform their honourable mission and duty in the sacred cause of defending the Juche Korea and raising the voice of support and solidarity to the Juche Korea.

The world progressive people!

Let us further strengthen support and solidarity to the Juche Korea!

This is our noble duty.

CONCLUSION

Some imperialist pundits have revived the discredited and threadbare idea of the DPRK's so-called collapse despite this theory being proved wrong time after time. Recently Bloomberg talked of “preparing for north Korea's inevitable collapse” and some unknown French academic called Pierre Rigoulot claimed that the DPRK would collapse just like the former USSR. These theories are of course far removed from reality and are just fantasies and fallacies. They represent wishful thinking by the imperialists who would like to see the DPRK “collapse.”

Basically the imperialists and the decadent bourgeois ruling class of the Western capitalist countries and the south Korean puppets dream of the Juche-based socialist system of the DPRK disappearing but it is just a dream.

I remember in 1991 a few weeks after the famous August 1991 coup in the USSR (more accurately the seizure of power by the State Committee For the State of Emergency of the former USSR headed by various Soviet leaders) picking up a copy of the US imperialist propaganda magazine “Newsweek” and being astounded to read that the DPRK would not have enough fuel and food to last the winter and would collapse by the end of 1991!

Of course this was nonsense because the DPRK did not rely on the Soviet Union for food particularly as the former USSR did not export food but imported it.

I also remember one so-called “friend of the DPRK” in 1996 or 1997 telling me that the DPRK was running out of food and would collapse in a month or so. Of course this never happened. It goes without saying really that the DPRK is still here 25 years after 1991 and 20 years after 1996. The US imperialists put forward the so-called “3-3 collapse” theory meaning that the DPRK would collapse after 3 months or 3 years. Of course this has been proved to be vacuous nonsense and false propaganda by the US imperialists.

Juche socialism is totally different to the former Soviet socialism.

Led by the great leaders President KIM IL SUNG, Chairman KIM JONG IL and respected Marshal KIM JONG UN and guided by the Juche Idea, the DPRK has withstood all kinds of sanctions, blockade, threats, pressure and subversive moves of the US imperialists and other imperialists as well the schemes of class enemies and counter-revolutionaries.

Respected Marshal KIM JONG UN said at the 7th Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea ***“The imperialist reactionaries viciously manoeuvred to infect and undermine our revolutionary ranks by infiltrating into them the alien bourgeois ideology and culture, but they could not break our people's faith in socialism and their will to adhere to it, as they were educated and trained in the embrace of the Party. Today our country is demonstrating its might as an invincible ideological power, the whole society of which is imbued with the Juche idea and the Songun idea, and***

whose service personnel and all other people, equipped with the thoroughgoing spirit of safeguarding the revolution and the resolute spirit of defending socialism, are creating a history of sea changes on the strength of the great spirit of KIM IL SUNG's nation. Furthermore the DPRK will block the infiltration of the rotten, noxious and decadent imperialist culture in the future. We should thwart the imperialists' moves for ideological and cultural infiltration and fully maintain our socialist culture and lifestyle.

Their ideology and culture are dangerous poison that numbs the people's minds and undermines the foundations of socialism.

We should, through a revolutionary ideological and cultural offensive, smash their persistent and pernicious moves for ideological and cultural infiltration and prevent any alien ideology and culture or unnatural lifestyle from penetrating our society.”

Why can't the DPRK collapse? Some people say that because the former USSR and other socialist countries in Europe collapsed, it logically follows that the DPRK should go the same way. There are two things that are very, very wrong with this argument.

Firstly, socialism in the USSR did not collapse it was frustrated and betrayed. The USSR did not simply collapse, the Soviet Communist Party and the USSR were destroyed by the conscious actions of the traitor Gorbachev. Decrees were past dissolving the USSR state and the CPSU. So there was no actual

collapse of the USSR but conscious and deliberate betrayal of socialism by treacherous revisionist leaders who were hand in glove with the imperialists(Margaret Thatcher once said of Mikhail Gorbachev that he was a “leader we could do business with.”)

The DPRK, however, has smashed the internal traitors who wanted to sell the interests of the country to the imperialists, big powers and revisionists. It defeated and liquidated factional cliques in 1953, 1956 and 1967. In 2013 liquidated the modern factionalist clique.

People's Korea, the land of Juche and land of Songun, is not the old USSR nor is the former East Germany, Poland or Hungary. The DPRK is an independent power based firmly on the Juche Idea.

Juche socialism is Korean-style socialism centred upon the popular masses. The DPRK's socialism is not an imposition from outside or the gift of someone else.

Some socialist countries such as East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania lasted only 34 to 35 years, Albania and Yugoslavia some 47 years and the Mongolian People's Republic lasted 68 years. Some socialist states were indeed very short-lived such as Grenada which lasted only 4 years and there were short-lived “Soviet Republics” in Hungary, Bavaria after the First World War. In Ireland the Limerick Soviet lasted only 12 days.

The DPRK's durability in the face of unprecedented hostility from the imperialist world is indeed a testament of the superiority

of Juche-based socialism, the Juche Idea, the Songun Idea and the leadership of President KIM IL SUNG, Chairman KIM JONG IL and respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN.

Led by respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN People's Korea will win final victory over the US imperialists and south Korean puppets.

The lies and propaganda of imperialism against Juche Korea is not a sign of strength but a sign of weakness as they fear the increasing strength of the DPRK.

Indeed Juche Korea, upholding the flaming red torch of Juche and under the leadership of respected Supreme Leader Marshal KIM JONG UN is galloping towards the future at Mallima speed. New buildings are going up one after the other, satellites are being launched and the defence capacity of the country is being boosted exponentially. Juche Korea is rushing forward towards the future.

It is highly significant that people in Juche Korea do not fear the future but rather want to get there faster.

In capitalist societies such as the UK people actively fear the future, despise the present and turn instead to the comfort of the past, some people look back to the “good old days” of the 1970s with high wages and easy public sector jobs, others look to the 1950s which had certain stability of that period with the strong family life and morals and there are those who try to bask in the so-called “glories” of the long past British Empire but no looks to the future in the UK. Elsewhere in the world communists look

back to the days of the former Soviet Union and hanker for Stalin. Many political movements are based on nostalgia for the past or in some cases an imagined past. In Juche Korea no-one is looking back to the past but everyone is actively creating the future of the country.

The socialism of Juche Korea is people-orientated socialism. Respected Marshal KIM JONG UN said.

“It is a firm determination of our Party to ensure that our people, who are the best in the world and who have remained faithful to the Party in the face of all manner of difficulties, do not have to tighten their belts again, but enjoy all the benefits of socialism.”

This is the maxim and policy of the respected Marshal KIM JONG UN.

He is not an armchair leader but a leader who is constantly visiting farms, factories and all manner of enterprises to have a deep grasp of the realities.

He identifies problems and tackles them head-on.

He is a leader of action leading a government of action that always resolves problems.

Respected Marshal KIM JONG UN is a dynamic and strong leader who, true to the Juche Idea, always puts the people's interests first and follows the people-orientated policies.

The Juche-based, Korean-style socialism under the leadership of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN will be evervictorious.